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#### **States**

Nazi guard citizenship: The Jus-tice Department asked an immigration judge on Friday to deport an Ohio man the government says was a

ard at Nazi concentration can John Demianiuk, 84, of Seven Hills, Ohio, is a retired auto worker whom the government says served during World War II as an armed guard at Nazi extermination and concentration camp

In April, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed a lower court decision revoking Demjanjuk's U.S. citizen ship on several grounds, including his "willing" service in an SS-run unit "dedicated to exploiting and exterminating" Jewish civilians in Nazi-occupied Poland

lackson molestation case: Christmas came early for some 200 children who got to play at Michael Jackson's amusement park and meet Santa Claus.

"I hope you have a wonderful day. Merry Christmas. I love you," the pop singer called out to the children Friday from the driveway of his estate. Jackson, who faces trial next year on child molestation charges, ap peared happy during the few minutes he spoke to the arriving throng.

Ariz. prison standoff: One of two inmates accused of taking a pair of guards hostage in an Arizona prison watchtower said Friday he would protest a judge's ruling by not attending his trial next month.

Ricky Wassenaar, charged with attempted murder and sexual assault in the Janu ary standoff, said he was reacting to a decision requiring him to wear electronic monitors during his trial, arguing they would prejudice the jury against him. He is abandoning plans to represent himself, he said.

Immigrant truck deaths: The lawyer for a nan accused of abandoning a truck man accused crammed with illegal immigrants in a deadly smuggling attempt claims the driver is being singled out for the death penalty because he is black

Truck driver Tyrone Williams, 33, of Schenectady, N.Y., is accused of abandoning a trailer crammed with illegal immigrants traveling across Texas in the stifling heat; 17 bodies were found inside the trailer

Judge Vanessa Gilmore asked that Attorney General John Ashcroft explain his of-fice's refusal to "disclose why you sought the death penalty on this guy, the only black guy, ot on the others

#### World

North Korea accusations: North Korea on



Philippines storm relief: An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter from the 33rd Rescue Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, lands on the USS Fort McHenry on Friday during typhoon relief operations in the Philippines. The Philippines thanked the U.S. military on Saturday for its help after storms left more than 1,000 people dead and at least 550 missing. At least 900 American troops backed by 13 helicopters and C-130 cargo planes were deployed to the devastated northeast, U.S. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone said at a ceremony to end the relief mission. The operation cost \$7 million, the U.S. Embassy said in a statement.

Saturday said the U.S. military increased espionage flights over its territory and deployed weaponry in South Korea this year, allegedly to prepare for a nuclear war

against the communist state.

The "U.S. imperialists" committed at least 2.100 cases of aerial espionage from January through November with reconnais-sance planes, KCNA, the North's official news agency, reported.

#### Military

N.J. school strafing: An Air National Guard pilot who accidentally fired on an Egg Harbor Township, N.J., school during a nighttime training exercise was to blame for the incident, but poorly designed controls in the F-16 also played a role, the Air Force

concluded Friday.

The report also disclosed there have been hree other incidents this year in which an F-16 pilot unintentionally fired during nighttime strafing missions.

National missile defense system: After the Pentagon's national missile defense system failed a key test this week, the Bush administration has dropped its plans to activate the system by the end of the year.

A spokesman for the military's U.S. North-

ern Command said Friday that the missile

system would not become operational until early 2005 at the soonest, meaning the Pentagon will miss a goal advanced by President Bush.

Air Force sex assaults: More sexual assaults occur within the Air Force's Air Combat Command than are reported, according to a report based on an internal review that the command released Friday.

ACC, which trains and equips forces to provide combat airpower to U.S. warfighting commands, needs more standardized education programs focused on preventing sexual assault, the report concluded. The command also needs to create a climate in which assault victims are confident they can report the crime to commanders and receive effective support the report said

#### Business

Airline snacks: American Airlines says it will begin selling \$3 snack boxes in the main cabins of long U.S. flights beginning Feb. 1.

American, which cut back on in-flight food after the industry downturn of 2001, said Friday it would offer food for sale in the main cabin on all domestic flights longer than three hours.

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### For the littlest survivors, the biggest loss

### Almost 900 U.S. kids have had a parent killed in Iraq

BY LISA HOFFMAN AND ANNETTE RAINVILLE Scripps Howard News Service

ad to the depths of his 4-year-old soul, Jack Shanaberger knew what he didn't want to be when he grows up: a father.

"I don't want to be a daddy because daddies die," the child solemnly told his mother after his father, Staff Sgt. Wentz "Baron" Shanaberger, a military policeman from Fort Pierce, Fla., was killed March 23 in an ambush in Iraq.

On that terrible day, Jack and his four siblings joined the ranks of the largely overlooked American casualties who, until now, have gone uncounted. Although almost daily official announcements tally the war dead, the collateral damage to the children left behind has not been detailed.

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But, from Defense Department
casualty reports, obituaries and
accounts in hometown newspapers, and family interviews,
Scripps Howard News Service
has identified nearly 900 U.S. chil
dren who have lost a parent in the
war, from the start of the conflict
in March 2003 through November, when a total of 1,256 troops
had died

Although comparably specific historical data is not available for other U.S. wars, military experts said the proportionally higher number of American children left bereaved by the Iraq war is unprecedented.

"This is a new state of affairs we have to confront," said Charles Moskos, a leading military sociologist and Northwestern University professor

University professor.
Overall, Americans in uniform today are far more likely to be married and have children than in the military of the past, Moskos and others said. And the reliance in Iraq on reserve forces — who tend to be older and even more settled than active-duty soldiers — also means more offspring at home.

Even though the federal government provides an array of benefits for widows, widowers and minor children, more help is needed — including counseling — for at least 882 American children left without a parent from the war

"As much as we are concerned about veterans' programs, we now have to be concerned about orphan programs," Moskos said. "This is the first time we have crossed this threshold."



PHOTOS BY ST. PETERSBURG TIMES/SHNS

Surrounded by family members, Corey Shanaberger holds daughter, Grace, 3, during the funeral for her husband, Staff 5gt. Wentz "Baron" Shanaberger in Dade City, Fla. Shanaberger was killed in Iraq in an ambush. He left h

According to the Scripps research, more than 40 percent of the 1,25c war dead through November were married, and 429 had children. At least half of those younger Among the parents who died were six female soldiers who had borne a total of 10 children among them — another historic first for women in the US. mili-

Perhaps most heartbreaking are the more than 40 troops who died without ever seeing their children. At least 34 wives were pregnant — four with twins — when their husbands died, and another 15 had babies while their spouses were deployed. While some of the latter were able to return home on paternity leave, most died before

they could.

Among those who never once held their babies was Army 1st Lt.
Doyle Hufstedler, 2S, of Abilene, Texas, who was killed in March when a roadside bomb hit his armored personnel carrier near Habbaniyah. In his uniform pocket, Hufstedler carried a sonogram the control of the control

rived six weeks after his death. Ursula Pirtle gave birth to Katie, her husband's first-born and spitting image, 27 days after Army Spc. James Heath Pirtle, 27, of La Mesa, N.M., was killed Oct. 3, 2003, in an insurgent attack north of Baghdad.

"It's almost hard to look at her sometimes," Ursula Pirtle, who now lives in Harker Heights, Texas, wrote in a posthumous online letter to her husband. "I would give my right arm to get a chance to see you two together. ... I know she would be the biggest

joy you've ever known."

Despite their losses, Pirtle and
most other surviving spouses say
they still support the war. They
say they are profoundly proud of
their loved ones' willingness to
give their lives for their country
and to help bring democracy to
Iraq. That pride helps their children cone as well.

Virginia Collier, of Harrison, Aruginia Collier, of Harrison, Aruginia Sundamendo belief that the Iraq war was not only justified, but also engendering more good than the media has portrayed. A father of four, her busband, Army National Guard Sgt. Russell Collier, 48, was killed Oct. 3 trying to help a fellow soldier under fire in Taji, Iraq.

"He died doing what he loved," Veronica Collier told a local news-

By all accounts, children also bring a measure of comfort to the bereaved spouses and other relatives, providing a tangible link to the parent who is gone. Hufstedler's widow, Leslie, said her daughter is a perpetual prod to get on with life.

Now sharing a home with her parents in Charlotte, N.C., Hufst-edler, 25, said she has been dreading the Christmas season, which would have been the first for her brand new family, but she has resolved to celebrate for Grace's

In Hinesville, Ga., Denise Marshall also expects a sad Christmas, a holiday for which her husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class Robert Marshall, once handled the biggest decorating chores.

That is the least of the new widow's problems. Since Marshall, 50, was killed in a rocket-propelled gun attack in April 2003, his wife has struggled financially and otherwise to care for their three children, all of whom have medical disabilities. The trio are getting counseling to help with their loss, but the emotional wound remains fresh.

More than a year after his father's passing, Marshall's son, Richard, 16, still has a hard time sleeping. Once, his mother said, Richard asked her, "Did Dad love his soldiers more than he loved

The fierce love many fallen soldiers had for their children is evident in both the reasons they joined the service and in letters and e-mails they sent home.

Pfc. Stephen Downing, 30, of Burkesville, Ky., gave up his truck-driving job to join the Army to provide a better life for his children, Taylor, 9, and Stephen, 5.

"His kids were everything in the world for him," Downing's ex-wife, LeAnn Emmons, told a local newspaper.

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A man with a soft spot for all children, Downing — killed Oct. 28 by a sniper in Ramadi — told his family he would also be failt in the control of the cont

It was his own bottomless love for his wife and two daughters that gave rise to the worst fear for Army Chief Warrant Officer William Brennan, an Army helicopter pilot killed in a crash Oct. 16 on a mission to protect Iraqi civilians fleeing under five from insur-

# War's toll includes six moms

Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa was not only the first female American soldier killed in combat in Iraq, she was also the first U.S. military mother to die in the war.

In all, six mothers in uniform have died in Iraq between the start of the war in March 2003 and the end of November, leaving behind a total of 10 children. Overall, 27 women troops have died in the war.

Among the mothers were:
■ Piestewa, 23, who died in the March 23, 2003, ambush in which Pfc. Jessica Lynch was captured in Nasiriyah. She had two children, Brandon, 4, and Carla, 3. Both now are being raised by their grandparents in El Paso, Texas.

mother, Spc. Jessica Cawyey, joined the Illinois National Guard to build a better life for her daughter, Sierra, 6. Cawvey died Oct. 6 when a roadside bomb exploded as her convoy passed near Fallu-

Caweey, 21, "wasn't the military type," her mother, Sandra Caweey, told a local newspaper. She enlisted in the Guard simply to help pay for college so she could get a decent job. Before she deployed to Iraqi, Caweey had been Iving with her parents and Sierra, and working on a bachelo's degree in accounting at Illinois State University in Normal. Ill.

The impact of Cawvey's death on Sierra was somewhat cushioned by the fact that the child is continuing to live with her grandparents. "She's doing just fine," said Clarence Cawvey, Jessica's uncle. "It's more like she lost a sister."

■ Less than a week after Cawvey died, Army Sgt. Pamela Osbourne was killed by shrapnel from a rocket attack on her camp in Baghdad. A native of Jamaica, Osbourne, 38, came to America when she was 14 with two dreams — to become a U.S. citizen and to serve in the military.

A medical condition could

A medical condition could have kept her out of Iraq duty, but Osbourne was determined to serve her country, her husband Rohan Osbourne told a local newspaper in Hollywood,

While she was deployed, her husband tended to their three children, ages 9 to 19. A supply specialist, Osbourne managed to call home almost every day, between 5 and 6 a.m.

between 5 and 6 a.m.

She made her husband promise not to hide anything from the kids if the worst happened.

"Even if I come home in a

box, you should know that I did it for (all of) you. Take care of the kids. Stay strong," Osbourne told her spouse.

— Lisa Hoffman

SEE LOSS ON PAGE 4

#### Correction

A story in the Nov. 17 edition about the Japanese guests of residents at Yokota Air Base, Japan, being permitted to drive their privately-owned vehicles on base upon completion of a registration process contained in

Here are excerpts from the last letters of fallen U.S. soldiers to their children.

#### 'I can't say I love vou enough'

Marine Staff Sgt. Russell Slay, 28, of Humble, Texas, who was killed Nov. 9 in Falluiah when his armored vehicle was attacked by insurgents, wrote the following in his last letter home to his daughter Kinlee, 9, and son Walker, 5,

"Tell Kinlee that I love her and never knew what life was before she was born ... She'll always be Daddy's little girl Daddy will always be with her and watch-ing out for her. I'll miss you. Hugs and

To Walker, "You're the sweetest little man. Be studious, stay in school and stay away from the military. I mean it. Always be a man. If you make mistakes, stand up and say so.

Slay told his daughter to go to college, and his son to have children of his own so he could "feel the joy and happiness you brought me ..

#### 'Please, be proud of me

Army Pfc. Jesse Givens, 34, of Fountain, olo., was killed May 1, 2003, when his

tank tumbled into the Euphrates River when a riverbank gave way. He wrote what follows to his sons, Dakota, 5, and Carson, who was born four weeks after Givens' death:

"Dakota — You are more son than I could ever ask for. I can only hope I was half the dad. You taught me how to care until it hurts, you taught me how to smile again. You taught me that life isn't so serious and sometimes you have to play. You have a big, beautiful heart. Through life you need to keep it open and follow it.

"Never be afraid to be yourself. I will always be there in our park when you dream so we can still play together. I hope someday you will have a son like mine. Make them smile and shine just like you. I hope someday you will understand why I didn't someday you will understand why I duff to come home. Please, be proud of me. Please don't stop loving life. Take in every breath like it's your first. I will always be there with you. I'll be in the sun, shadows,

dreams and joys of your life "Bean (his pet name for the unborn Carson) — I never got to see you but I know in my heart you are beautiful. I will always have with me the feel of the soft nudges on your mom's belly, and the joy I felt when

we found out you were on the way. "I dream of you every night, and I al-ways will. Don't ever think that since I wasn't around that I didn't love you. You were conceived of love and I came to this terrible place for love. Please understand that I had to be gone so that I could take care of my family. I love you, Bean.'

#### Organizations that help survivors

When a U.S. service member is killed on

duty, his family is entitled to an array of benefits Among other help, the family can re-ceive a one-time payment of \$12,000, burial benefits, life insurance proceeds, and at least \$967 a month in survivor compensa-

tion. In some cases, the Department of Veterans Affairs also will pay \$241 a month for each child left without a parent.

But, in many cases, that money does not stretch far enough to cover expenses.

Across the country, some friends, rela tives and co-workers of troops who have fallen in Iraq have set up funds for the bereaved families or for their children's edu

There also are several national groups that help military families in need, and, in

me cases, accept donations from the public. Among them are:

Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. Provides unrestricted grants to families of fall-

en troops. 212-245-0072. On the Web: org/foundation heroesfund.html

■ Fallen Patriot Fund. Provides finan-cial grants to the families of those killed or seriously injured in Operation Iraqi Free-dom. Call 214-658-7125. On the Web: www.fallenpatriotfund.org

■ Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Provides services to all who have lost a loved one while serving in

who have lost a loved one while serving in the U.S. armed forces. 1-800-959-TAPS (8277). On the Web: www.taps.org Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Provides financial assistance and emergency grants to families and survivors. On the Web: www.nmcrs.org

#### **Loss:** Finding ways to keep memories of parent alive

LOSS. FROM PAGE 3

"It's not the fear of death that wears me down. It is the feeling of not being there for my three girls," Brennan, 36, of Bethlehem Conn. wrote in an Easter letter to his sister. Only two years old when his own father died, Brennan worried that, if he were killed, his children "would never know me

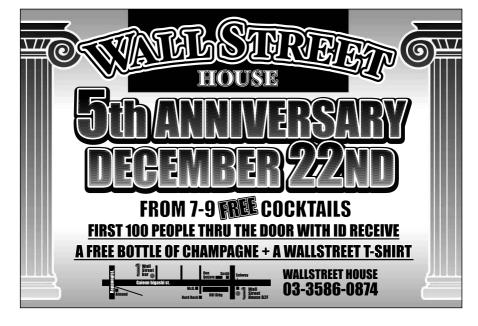
Corey Shanaberger, widow of the Florida MP killed in March, is doing everything she can so her children will remember their father in both life and death. Baron Shanaberger left instructions that, if he died, his five kids should be permitted to see him in his coffin, believing that would help them come to terms with his passing and provide them some closure

At the funeral home viewing, Jack and his twin sister, Grace, climbed up so they could touch and kiss him in his open casket. The children placed precious mementos in the coffin with him - a little red truck, a stuffed puppy dog, a favorite doll, a photo. Now, each night when the stars are out,

Corey Shanaberger tells her children that one star is their daddy coming out of heaven to watch over them. They all blow a kiss

"I always tell my children, 'You might for-get what your daddy looked like but always remember what he felt like'," she said.

"Always remember his hugs, always remember his kisses and always remember his love



### ludges interrogate top Saddam officials

By PAUL GARWOOD The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqi judges interrogated the notorious general known as "Chemical Ali" and Saddam's former defense minister Saturday, opening the first phase in trials for the ousted dictator's top deputies. Insurgents, meanwhile, attacked election offices and wounded four American contrac-

tors with a madside bomb Ali Hassan al-Majid earned his nickname for his alleged use of chemical weapons against Kurds and others — appeared haggard in a video released after the interrogation,

from which the press was barred. He leaned on a walking stick be-fore sitting in front of a judge be-hind a desk.

Sultan Hashim Ahmad, Saddam's last defense chief, stared blankly at the ground as police of-ficers stood to either side of him

holding his arms The two were the the first to go before an investigative hearing from among the 11 jailed top fig-ures who, along with Saddam, are facing trial for crimes during the regime's three decades in power.

Both were questioned by a panel of investigative judges in a hearing attended by their lawyers, said Raad al-Juhyi, the head of the

es of the men since they were initially arraigned in July along with Saddam and the other detainees. Both wore gray-colored suits and white shirts without ties and arrived at the tribunal flanked by

blue uniformed police. Al-Juhyi said the defendants will face questioning over Sadd-am's Anfal campaign, a depopulation scheme that killed and expelled hundreds of thousands of Kurds from northern Iraq, includ-ing the 1988 Halabja chemical weapons attacks that al-Maiid has

been accused of ordering. The judges will also investigate the role of the detainees in the bloody quelling of a 1991 Shiite uprising following the U.S.-led Gulf War to force occupying Iraqi forces out of neighboring Kuwait, plus the illegal imprisonment and executions of political opponents.

"We should make a distinction between the trial and the investigation," al-Juhyi said. "We are talking about the investigation. We're in the investigation phase.

The judge said there would be no rush in concluding the hearing and trial process against Saddam and his senior aides. "Hastiness is the plague of trials," al-Juhyi said.

Iraqi deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, told Al-Arabiya TV that Ahmad was being quizzed pri-

marily to assist in tribunal pro ceedings against al-Majid.

"The former defense minister is being interrogated within the framework of focusing on the case of Ali Hassan al-Maiid, who is accused of many crimes against the Iraqi people," Saleh said, adding that any future criminal trial

Iraqı peopie, "Saien saiu, auding that any future criminal trial would be public and "maybe open to journalists."

Many Iraqis — particularly among the Shiite majority — have been eager to see the prosecution of the ousted regime begin. The trials and elections come amid persis-tent violence by insurgents, including suspected former Saddam fol-lowers, that has raised concern

over the success of the vote.



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#### Cowpens sailor dies

A USS Cowpens sailor died Saturday when the motorcycle he was riding was involved in an accident with a motor scooter

The sailor, a gunner's mate 2nd class whose name the Navy is not releasing pending notification of family, was riding the motorcycle around 11:15 a.m. Saturday on the Miura Peninsula, south of Tokyo Bay

The sailor was pronounced dead at a local hospital an hour later. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

#### Recruiting info concerns

HONOLULU

eighth-grade girl's concern that she might be drafted and sent to Iraq has raised questions about military recruiters' access to in-formation on Hawaii's public school children

When Sybil Arum asked why her granddaughter's contact information was being supplied to the military, both state education and military officials gave assurances there wasn't any interest in draft-

ing a 13-year-old. But Arum says she was "very unset" to learn that school privacy policies allow military recruiters access to information on children starting in the sixth grade. staff and wire reports

### Japanese resorts hope for snow

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan

Old Man Winter must be asleep at the wheel in northern Japan. Usually blanketed with deep powder by now, the northern To-hoku mountains have seen such scant snowfall to date that most ski and snowboard resorts in the area

are not yet open. For the first time in four years. Misawa's Outdoor Recreation has had to postpone its ski and snowboard instructor program run by the Amateur Ski Instructors Asso ciation. The five-day class, which was to start Saturday, has been re-scheduled for Jan. 24 to 28, said Ron Stark, director of Outdoor Rec-

reation and Weasel's Den "There are no resorts that are open," he said Friday. "Appi was due to open today, but they changed that on their Web site to the 27th (of December) because

they have no snow Outdoor Recreation's amateur instructor class was full with 20 students, including a few who were to drive up from Yokota Air Rase and Vokosuka Naval Rase near Tokyo. Stark expects a few slots for the January class to open

#### Unseasonably warm temps keep servicemembers from the slopes

since duty requirements may force some people to drop out, he

"We're still waiting on enrollment confirmation," he said. If there's availability,"we'll probably for a very brief time in the beginning of January open it up for en-

mllment It may be hard to think about winter sports, though, since the base is also dry and snow blowers and shovels remain idle. The only snowfall to accumulate was an overnight half-inch dusting last week that melted the same day, according to Misawa's 35th Opera-tions Support Squadron weather

flight Stark said it's not unusual for the base to be bare this time of year. "What is unusual is the higher elevations are not getting the snow," he said. "The snow fronts snow, ne sau. 11.0 are just not coming in.

Stark said five ski and snow-board resorts within 1 to 3 hours driving distance of Misawa — Appi, Shimokura-hachimantai, Shizukuishi. Makado and Okunakavama — have little to no snow. Misawa residents would have to go to Sapporo on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido to ski or snowboard, he said.

"This is very unusual right now," Stark said. "The resorts should be open. We had good snow conditions this time last year."

A Sendai District Meteorologi-cal Observatory spokesman said many places in Tohoku have yet to record snowfall because the cold air needed has not moved south.

The observatory, however, predicts snowfall this winter to be average. Misawa's average snowfall is about 128 inches a year; last vear, 78 inches was the total.

Capt. Stephen Barlow, com-mander of 35th OSS weather flight, said it's too early to predict another dry winter.

Many years "snow doesn't really

start kicking in until" mid- to late December That's entirely nossible, considering some of the correns that Barlow and other Air

Force meteorologists found by re-viewing weather records dating to 1955. In 15 cases where less than 100 inches fell in a winter, about 90 percent of the time there was a sharp increase in snowfall the fol-lowing winter, Barlow said. Also, though there were only a few instances of this warm summers tend to precede heavy snows, Bar-low said. Misawa residents sweat-ed through unusually hot and muggy temperatures last summer and people were predicting this fall that snow would be plentiful.

So far, Barlow said, warm tem-peratures have kept snow at bay. The mean temperature in Misawa for December so far is 49 degrees, well above the average of 42 "I can almost guarantee that will drop," Barlow said. "We're proba-

bly getting ready to turn that cor-ner." As for Stark, he's shving away from predictions. "We're hop-ing it comes soon," he said. "We have people who want to get out and enjoy winter sports.' For more information on Ja-

pan's ski and snowboard resorts, go to www.snowjapan.com. Hana Kusumoto contributed to this story.



#### State Dept. issues alert on Indonesia

The Associated Press

The State Department on Saturday warned that terrorists were planning more attacks against Western targets in Indonesia over Christmas and New Years, reiterating advice to its citizens not to travel to the country.

The State Department's warning follows similar alarms sounded by other foreign governments earlier this week that militants belonging to the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group were plotting more bombings.

"The department reminds Americans that the terrorist threat in Indonesia continues and may increase over the Decem-ber-January holiday period," the State Department said on its Web site. "Reports indicate that terrorists are planning attacks against a

wide variety of targets Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for three terror attacks in Indonesia in the past two years, in-cluding the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings in which 202 people were killed, seven of them Ameri-



Anshori, one of the suspects in September's Australian Embassy

#### bombing, shouts during a police reconstruction Saturday in Indonesia. Police reconstruct making of bomb

Four suspected Islamic militants - accused of involvement in the Sept. 9 suicide attack on the Australian Embassy - took part in a police reconstruction Saturday at the house where the bomb

was allegedly built. The suspects said nothing to reporters. Scores of villagers had gathered to witness the reconstruction, a common feature in Indonesian police investigations

Several dozen heavily armed anti-terror police guarded the four men, who wore blue prison T-shirts. They were not hand-

None of the four men have been charged. Several other key players accused in the plot, including Malaysian militants Azahari bin Husin and Noordin Mohamed Top, are still on the run

- The Associated Press

### **China considering** anti-secession law

Taiwan fears legislation could lead to attack

BY JOE MCDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING - China says it plans to enact an anti-secession law that Taiwan says could be a pre-text for an attack on the self-ruled island, prompting an appeal from Washington for both sides to resume dialogue.

Leaders of China's parliament will consider the law at a meeting Dec. 25-29, the official Xinhua News Agency said Friday. The measure could be passed by the

full legislature in March The Xinhua report didn't mention Taiwan. But it said the move was in response to proposals for a "law on national reunification" a reference to Beijing's goal of uniting Taiwan and the mainland, which split in 1949 amid civil war. Beijing claims the island as part of its territory. The commu-nist mainland has threatened re-

peatedly to invade if Taiwan tries to make its de facto independence permanent.

Taiwan denounced the planned secession law as a pretext for possible military action, and called on Beijing to think hard before passing it. Many fear that the Unit-ed States — Taiwan's main arms supplier and military ally - could be drawn into any hostilities.

Taiwan's official in charge of re-

lations with China, Joseph Wu, said late Friday that Beijing seemed to be preparing the legal groundwork for a future military conflict.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Richar Boucher appealed for dialogue. Richard

"Both sides should really focus on engaging in dialogue and try to peacefully resolve their differences. Neither side should do anything to unilaterally change the status quo," Boucher said.

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#### No bath for Rob

IBUSUKI, Japan - It would have made a chummy photo: the Jananese and South Korean lead ers lying side-by-side, relaxing in a Japanese sand bath.

Japan's Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi invited South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun to join him in the bath in a gesture of friendship to cap off their two-hour summit Friday at a spa in southern Japan.

But Koizumi ended up going alone. Koizumi insisted that he hadn't been snubbed.

"I told him to relax in the way he saw fit ... I said this wasn't mandatory," he said late Friday night, occasionally wincing in the 122-degree-Fahrenheit bath.

Summit meetings offer world leaders a rare chance to deal with their most pressing issues face-to-face. But they are as much about appearances as they are about the discussions, and leaders on friendly terms often go

to great lengths to show it. Since Roh took office nearly two years ago, he and Koizumi have met every few months.

#### China crowns beauty

BEIJING - A 22-year-old student who has had cosmetic surgery on her eyelids and cheeks was crowned the winner Saturday of China's first pageant for such "man-made beauties."

Feng Qian received a \$6,000

country club membership after being picked from among 20 finalists, who ranged in age from 18 to

Surging numbers of newly pros-perous Chinese are going under the knife after decades of communist austerity, seeking shapelier noses, fuller breasts and other fea-

#### Indonesian TV too hot?

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesia's president says television shows that feature women exposing their navels make him uneasy, and he wants such programs off the air, a Cabinet minister said Friday.

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono wants to regulate television shows in the world's most populous Muslim nation through "non-repres-sive mechanisms," said Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab.

#### Bird flu in Japan

TOKYO - Four employees of a bird-flu contaminated poultry farm and one person who helped disinfect the facility may have contracted the bird flu virus during an outbreak early this year in Japan, the government said Saturday.

If confirmed, the cases would

mark the first human infections from avian influenza in Japan The five were based in rural Kyoto state, about 230 miles west of Tokyo

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### Bin Laden says he's aiming at U.S. economy

BY DAVID MCHUGH

The Associated Press

Osama hin Laden claims to have bled the Soviet Union into bankruptcy as an Islamic guerrilla fighter in Afghanistan in the 1980s. Could he do the same to another hated superpower — the United States? The al-Oaida leader's latest purported communication drove home the point by call-ing on militants to stop the flow of oil to the West and praising a Dec. 6 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer

In an audiotape posted on an Islamic Web site Thursday, a man whom U.S. officials believe was bin Laden accused Westerners of subjugating the Middle East to plunder its oil.

"Go on and try to prevent them from getting oil," the speaker said. Concentrate your operations on that, especially in Iraq and the Gulf

#### Analysts: Only U.S. mistakes can bring serious damage

It was believed to be the first time a purported bin Laden tape in effect called for attacks on the oil industry. But he has flaunted the economic theme before, recalling in his most recent video how Afghan mujahedeen "bled Russia for 10 years, until it went bank-rupt" and taunting the U.S. govern-ment over the size of its budget deficit - which peaked at \$413 billion last year.

Security and terrorism experts suggest bin Laden's claims to be undermining the United States economically are largely propa-ganda, noting the flexible, market-driven U.S. economy is a far cry from the creaky, bureaucratic Soviet giant that disintegrated in

1991. Still, the economic argument gives bin Laden a tool he can use to rally his supporters and inflate his aura of success by claiming damage caused by other factors as his own handiwork.

Spurred by the new audiotape, Muslim radicals using chat rooms on Islamic Web sites debated Friday what weapons could be used to attack an oil tanker in the strait of Hormuz in the Gulf.

Bin Laden "sees us as poised on this precipice, and he's going to push us into the abyss," said Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert at Rand Corporation

As bin Laden put it in his video aimed at Americans just days be-fore the Nov. 2 presidential elec-tion: "The real loser is you. It is the American people and their

conomy." The al-Qaida leader cites the experience of Afghan mujahedeen fighters "in using guerrilla war-fare and the war of attrition to fight tyrannical superpowers" to drive the Soviets out

Bin Laden was among U.S.-supported Islamic fighters in Afghani-stan, backed with money and weapons in hopes of weakening Russia, the United States' oppo-nent in the Cold War.

The Soviet comparison is aimed as much at bin Laden supporters as at Americans, says Rand analyst Hoffman. "That's how he motivates and animates people and addresses morale - telling them 'No one thought we could achieve that feat, and by the same token no one thinks we can achieve this feat of defeating the United States, but we will." Hoffman said.

Retired Gen. William Odom, a scholar at the Hudson Institute and an expert in the Soviet collapse, said bin Laden's analogy is off base since the Soviet Union collapsed for reasons other than Afghanistan, including the weakness of its state-run economy.



Osama bin Laden

As far as spending on Iraq. Odom said damage to the U.S. economy is attributable to the Bush administration embarking on a costly war.

### Dioxin compensation for Vietnam vets still costing billions

BY PAUL RECER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The United States sprayed more than 19 million gallons of defoliant over the jungles of Vietnam, a tactic designed to kill the forests and deny cover to the enemy

The chemical worked. Miles of vegetation withered and died

It also exposed an estimated 3 million U.S. troops and millions more Vietnamese to dioxin, the same toxic chemical reportedly used to poison Viktor Yushchenko, a candidate in the disputed presidential election in the

gested. Tests confirmed by three labs in the Netherlands and Germany showed that Yushchenko had 100,000 units of the poison per gram of blood fat, the second-highest concentration on

Mark A. Brown, a toxicologist who heads the environmental agents service of the Veterans Affairs Department, said it is uncertain how much dioxin troops absorbed from their exposure to dioxin-contaminated Agent Orange in Vietnam.

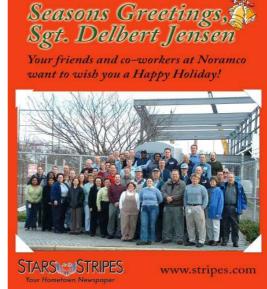
A study years after the war ended suggested that U.S. ground forces probably had blood levels of dioxin in the

son to that given Yushchenko, it was enough, according to some studies, to cause cancer. diabetes, nerve damage and other diseases in susceptible individuals, entitling them to compensation.

billions. Some veterans have been judged disabled because of their contact with Agent Orange. Disability payments can range from \$108 a month to almost \$3,000 a month

ing to compensate for Agent Orange exposure and for medical care of diseases linked to the herbicide is difficult to determine, department spokesman Jim Benson said





### Powell optimistic about uncertain future

BY BARRY SCHWEID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With only about a month left as America's top diplomat, Secretary of State Colin Powell says he has no sure plans for the future. But, he says "doors will open and some of them I will go

through."

Powell virtually ruled out taking another full-time government job, although he said Friday, "I will be in public life in some way.... I've still got some treadwear left on me," the 67-year-old career soldier-diplo-

mat said.

Known to have a strong interest in promoting education among disadvantaged children, Powell said, "I'm interested in

Looking back on nearly four years as secretary of state, Powell expressed no regret for using ultimately flawed and exagerated claims about Saddam Hussein's weapons stockpiles to ask the United Nations last year to back war with Irao.

And he dismissed any suggestion his personal credibility suffered when no weapons of mass destruction were found, although he said most information about Sad-

dam's intentions turned out to be accurate.

Powell said he was "fully supportive" of
the approach the administration took be-

fore the war.

Powell characterized the strategy this way: "Try to solve it peacefully. If you

still there and it does require military action, then get a coalition to undertake that military action."

On two troubled fronts, North Korea and Iran, Powell said diplomacy appears to be making headway toward ending the two countries' nuclear weapons programs — without the need to repeat the use of force

that toppled Saddam Hussein in Iraq.
Powell calmly assured North Korea and an anxious international community that "we have no hostile intent, we have no intention of invading."

As for Iran, Powell said he did not know of any American military action being contemplated. "Obviously, at the Pentagon they are always thinking about the unthinkable, but there are no military plans," he

Powell said the administration had put a spotlight on Iran's nuclear activity, persuading the world to be concerned.

He said he hoped European allies who have taken the lead in diplomacy with Tehran can persuade Iran to stop enriching uranium and other nuclear weapons pro-

grams.
"Until there is absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind that that they are not hiding something, I think it is wise in this case to

be somewhat suspicious," he said.
Turning to the Middle East, Powell said Israel had shown flexibility toward the Palestinians in advance of their Jan. 9 elections and that the United States was prepared to work with whomever is chosen to





### Into the lion's den

#### Catherine Zeta-Jones finds her niche in established cast of 'Ocean's Twelve'

By MIKE SZYMANSKI

Zap2it.com

When Catherine Zeta-Jones joined the cast of "Ocean's Twelve," it had to be intimidating. Sure, she has an Oscar for "Chicago" and is married to high-powered producer/actor Michael Douglas, but as she puts it, she entered "a den of lions" when walking onto the set of this sequel. Zeta-Jones portrays Isabel, a detective on the trail of Danny Ocean and his band of bandits, played by George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle and others. No, she wasn't the only woman — Julia Roberts was in the first movie, "Ocean's Eleven" — but this time

Roberts found out she was pregnant during shooting, and wasn't a as long when the cast toured Rome, Amsterdam, Sicily and Monte Carlo. "I met [director] Steven Soderbergh on 'Traffic.' I knew that 'Ocean's

Twelve' was going to be starting up soon," says Zeta-Jones. "I liked my character. I liked the arc. So here I am.

The team of actors is a modern-day Rat Pack, not unlike Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and the rest who made the original "Ocean's Eleven," according to producer Jerry Weintraub. In a hotel room with most of the actors in Palm Springs recently, he recalls Zeta-Jones coming onto the set.

Weintraub says, "She came in and she was a little worried about walk-ing into this —" "Den of lions," interrupts Pitt.
"It was our first day of shooting. Brad had just come back from "Troy"

and was still in a dress," the producer continues. "She had lost a lot of weight after having the baby and so on and she looked to die for. She had the high heels on and tight jeans, those low cut things -

"Anyway, all the guys were around Catherine within seconds," he recalls. "She was the center of attention, as she should be, and she fit right into the group

It's a tough group, by any stretch. They are known to play practical jokes on each other, and razz each other constantly

"There was actually no camaraderie at all on the set of this one. Clooney quips. "I mean, quite honestly, Brad set the tone and he's such a movie star, it was very hard. No, really, they're fun people except for Julia [Roberts]. We don't like her or her twins

Clooney, the biggest prankster, put a bumper sticker on Pitt's passener door saying, "I'm gay and I vote" and later, "Small Penis Onboard." Damon recalls, "The bumper sticker that you put on Brad's car the last day of shooting was good. As he drove home through L.A. rush hour traffic people were honking at him and waving and he thinks it's be-

Pitt smirks

'First of all, there's a very low level of maturity amongst all the guys there. So that helps, we bond very quickly because of it. Then we've got the beautiful women to make us look a little better

The women weren't immune from the pranks, Pitt says, "I think that the biggest joke was on Catherine because she actually thought that we were making a movie. Being the new kid no one told her. So she was up learning lines and doing character breakdowns and we just let her roll with it

She laughs, "I thought that the guys didn't like me."

cause he's Brad Pitt. So he's waving back."

This idea for the sequel came when the actors were filming overseas at the end of the first "Oceans" movie, and they tried to figure out how to reunite for another caper. But it was important to have someone who connected with the group, especially since Pitt has to do a romantic scene with her.

"The great thing about Catherine is that there is this great beauty, this great elegance, but at the same time she'll drink anyone under the table," says Pitt.

"Don't be fooled." acknowledges Zeta-Jones.

"That's for sure," adds Pitt. "She can definitely drink." Then, reminded of the kissing he gets to do with her, he says, "Well, you know, it does have its perks

As for Clooney, he insists, "We never worked with her, it was all CGI, all green screen



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### Find that one great gift idea

#### Perfect present bears repeating

BY BELLE ELVING AND LIZ SEYMOUR The Washington Pos

We once heard of a woman who gave almost everyone on her Christmas list a pair of cashmere socks: little booties for a friend's baby, pinkstriped knee-highs for a girly-girl niece, impeccable ar-gyles for a button-down brother, better-than-another-shawl

Her strategy may have lacked variety, but you've got to applaud its universality. The most time-consuming part of holiday shopping is figuring out what to give and where to get it. But settle on something like cashmere socks what's not to like? — and vou're halfway home

So that's what we've looked to include in this annual gift guide. A one-great-idea-fits-all solution to last-minute shopping. Gifts that mix practicality almost anyone would appreciate with charm no one could resist.

Have fun with this strategy. Giving one rubber spatula would be weird, but a bright bouquet of them in all shapes and sizes is wonderful. Our suggestions can be found in lots of stores, in many styles and at a range of prices. So even if you haven't started shopping, here's a way to get your list all wrapped up.

We couldn't resist suggesting a few small gifts that may seem



#### A one-great-idea-fits-all solution to last-minute shopping: Clockwise from top, a rearview desk mirror, cord organizer and door stop.

more functional than festive. But for the hard-core home-obsessed. these items could be one of the best surprises under the tree.

1. Colors, coordinated: Help her on the compulsive quest for the perfect shade of sage by buying her a complete paint fan deck of all the colors from her favorite company. Many paint stores and hardware stores will sell them, for about \$15 to \$20.

2. Perfect measurements: Anvone wanting to hang a picture, put up a towel rack or figure out if the couch will fit would appreciate a quality tape measure. A perfect gift for the new homeowner or first-time apartment dweller.

This one, by Stanley, costs \$12.49 at Ace Hardware.

3. Put a stop to it: A door that

sneakily swings shut as soon as you open it is one household annoyance that's easy to fix: This charming rubber pup, spotted at the Container Store for \$3.99, keeps any door in place.

. Looking backward: A desk that faces away from the door is supposedly bad feng shui

Put things right in a home office with this rearview mirror that affixes to a computer monitor so you can see what's going on behind your back. Sold at the Container Store for \$9.99.

5. Major cords: A snarl of wires under the desk or behind the TV? Help a neatnik get things straight with a cheerful little cable turtle that won a spot in the Museum of Modern Art's design collection Widely available at home and office supply stores; this one is \$6.99 at the Container Store

#### Ignore spammers and maybe they'll go away BY JOHN MORAN

The Hartford Courant

All the traditional signs of the holiday season are here: the festive lights, the busy

stores and the crush of spam in Yes, sad to say, the on-slaught of junk e-mail has

joined the list of holiday hall-Spam is, of course, year-round phenomenon. But

it unquestionably accelerates each November and continues right into the new year. Much of consumers' annual retail spending takes place dur-

ing this holiday shopping spree. Clearly, the junk e-mail ers want their share. You might think people

wouldn't need to be warned against these solicitations. But they do. So, as a public service, I urge you: Never buy anything advertised via unsolicited commercial e-mail.

Anyone who would pollute your inbox illegally is surely capable of ripping you off, too.

Everything about these advertisements screams scam, swindle and con job. You'll probably get nothing for your money. If you get anything at all, it is likely to be some cheap trinket, a mere shadow of what you thought you were buying.

Worse still, you might discover that the e-mail "sale" was actually a thinly veiled excuse to pilfer your credit card num-

You'll figure that out when mysterious charges for things you never bought start turning up on your credit-card state-

And let's face it, the only reason anyone sends snam is the hope that a few suckers will respond. Every time someone does, it encourages future blasts of millions of junk e-mails

In time, some of the big guns fighting spam - large, wealthy and tech-savvy corporations like America Online and Microsoft might make progress against rogue spammers.

Meanwhile, it's up to Internet users to help stop spam by never responding to it. Don't even open it. Just delete it instead

That is, naturally, a nasty chore. Fortunately, there is automated assistance available for a reasonable cost. The number of anti-spam software programs available to help filter your incoming mail is large and growing.

Norton AntiSpam (\$39.95) and McAfee SpamKiller (\$39.95) are two of the best-known products in the market. But they're also faced with a host of worthy competitors, including MailFrontier (\$29.95), Deskton Qurb (\$29.95) Anti-Spam and Anti-Spam EmailGuard (\$19.99)

Most have free trials available for download if you'd like to take them for a test drive before buying. If spam's getting you down, they're worth check-

But whatever you do, don't buy them if they're advertised by e-mail.

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General Dynamics	1.44	18	106.35	+.99	+17.7
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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
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Canada (Dollar)	1.227
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Discount rate3.2
Federal funds market rate2.2
3-month bill2.2
30-year bond4.8
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#### To our readers

Jim Coates is on medical leave. His computer advice column will return in several weeks

### ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

#### Gift card reminders

BY NANCY DUNNAN We're coming up on holiday

season, a time when many of us give those on our holiday list a gift card.

They seem like the ideal nresent - a no-brainer in a way. You don't need to know your niece, nephew or friend's favorite color or what size sweater they wear and the

lucky recipient gets to pick out his or her favorite thing. All true, but make sure the gift card you purchase:

■ Does not expire. Some cards become inactive after a certain number of months. Others come with monthly "inactivity charges" during the time period they are not used.

■ Can be replaced. You want to deal with a retailer that will issue a new card should the original he lost

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#### **MONDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 20, 2004**

MOVIES • SPORTS

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Headline News	60 Minutes (CC)		Without a Trace "C woman's description der victims in an old	n matches five mur-	24 "Day 3: 6:00AM - Palmer tells Jack th is to be killed. (CC)		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-ATL	frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light		(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)		•	•	Aladdin "The Vapor Chase" (CC)	(CC)	
8	NEWS	(CC)	ness (CC)	Dateline NBC (CC)				Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning		
9	SPORTS	•(5:30) Golf Wendy From Reflection Bay	Golf Club in Hender	son, Nev.	SportsCenter					Virginia Tech. (Taped)			<ul> <li>College Basket ball</li> </ul>	
10	SPEC	Lisa is in a spelling bee. (CC)	goes to church.			Law & Order "Chos cover a murder victi end of a gambling of	im was the muscle	American Hot Rod crew gets a break w body arrives ahead	when the Alumatub's	Friends Chandler laughs to impress his boss. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry de- cides to buy a new car. (CC)	Seinfeld Getting stuck in traffic to- gether. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
		SpongeBob Entertainment Toni	Rugrats (EI) (CC)		Noel, Noel nty" (2002, Comedy)	Smallville 'Reaper'		Boy Meets World " (2002, Comedy) Ar	Boy Meets World		Home Improve. Holiday Movie	Touched by an An	gel (CC) trv" (1992)	
14	TMC	(:15) ★% "Plain Dirt	y" (2003, Drama) Do	ominique Swain, Hen ape from her abusiv	ry Thomas, Arie	* * "Stealing Time	" (2001, Drama) Pet Premiere. Fate reuni	er Facinelli, Ethan	(:45) * * * "Flatlin	ers" (1990, Suspens students make trips p	e) Kiefer Sutherland,	Julia Roberts, Kevin		
24	PBS	Budge' (EI)	clay beads. (EI) (CC) (DVS)	The NewsHour Wit (CC)		Antiques Roadsho rarest objects found chief's blanket. (CC	w Some of the I, including a Navajo )	National Geograph Forces" (CC)	nic "Inside Special	obesity in America.	(CC)	Charlie Rose Ghaz	ri Al-Yawar. (N) (CC	
25	SHOW	(:15) * * * "Igby G Jeff Goldblum. A we	althy youth's upbring		ed for life. 'H' (CC)	Benicio Del Toro, Ci tracks a killer in Ore	(2003, Suspense) To onnie Nielsen. A retir egon. 'R' (CC)	ed combat trainer	Best of Show- time Boxing 2003: Fan Favorites	Premiere. An Afghai (Subtitled-English) 'I	003, Drama) Gol Rai n girl dresses like a b PG-13'	boy to earn money.	*** "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg.	
27	A&E	City Confidential "E torney" A flashy lawy (CC)	ver is murdered.	American Justice The Rae Carruth St ed in a killing. (CC)	ory" Athlete implicat-	robbers turn cruel a	ns Modern-day bank and murderous. (CC)	Growing Up Gotti "Paul in the Family" (CC)	Growing Up Gotti Florida vacation trip. (CC)	Airline A passen- ger is separated from his group.	Airline Soldier's emotional home- coming. (CC)	Crossing Jordan *1 Building* An explosi building. (CC)	Upon the Wasted ion levels an office	
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		Age of Terror		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		
29	TFC	Wazz Up Wazz Up	Star Circle Quest	Tanging Ina		(:05) Insider	The Corresponder	its	Kumikitang Kabuh Ayan	Morning Star	(:40) Masayang Tai	nghali Bayan		
30	CNN-I	Larry King Weeken		CNNI World News		Business Internati		Asia Tonight	●World Sport	CNNI World News	●World Sport	Biz Asia	Business International	
31	GOLF	<ul> <li>Jebel Ali Challeng Els and Darren Clari</li> <li>Clean Sweep "A To:</li> </ul>		NEC Invitational lights of the 2001 N     In a Fix "Jeweled R		American Expres     Highlights Tiger W	oods.	Golf Channel     Academy	•Golf Central	Golf Channel     Academy     10 Years Younger	Golf Central     Years Younger	Golf With Style	•Golf With Style	
32	TLC	A busy family's mest them crazy. (CC)	sy home is driving	wants a place to en	tertain friends.	Extreme Surgery I twisted backbone. (	CC)	Extreme Surgery I eight months of sur deformities. (CC)	geries to fix facial	Celina gets expert help. (N)	"80 Lbs. Down, 10 Years to Go"	Extreme Surgery I twisted backbone. (	CC)	
34	TOON		ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	-		Cartoon Cartoon (		Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad		
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun Queensland's Cape tralia's last wild front	York, one of Aus- iers. (CC)	Most Extreme 'Mo animal kingdom. (O	C)	Pet Star Ladder-clir saulting pigeon; psy	rchic canine. (N)	vestigating a report canine whose back	of a dead dog and a is burned.	Animal Precinct "A glected pit bull. (CC)	) ,	Pet Star Ladder-clir saulting pigeon; psy	rchic canine.	
36	сом	Comedy Female comics. (CC)	Heroes of Jewish Comedy Unique newcomers. (CC)	The Daily Show Stephen King. (CC)	Levy. Premiere. Iwo	19th-century explore	Chris Farley, Matthey ers try to reach the P	acriic Ocean. (CC)	South Park "Kenny Dies" (CC)	Blue Collar TV "Marriage" Lingerie fashion show.	Reno 911! Williams discovers Islam. (CC)	The Daily Show Is- abella Rossellini. (N) (CC)	"Marriage" Linger fashion show.	
40	NGC-A		Wildlife Detectives West Nile Virus.	Habu snake.	Croc Chronicles "Irulas" Art of cap- turing snakes.	Wild Giants of Der Park Services Dog the wilderness of D	Sleigh Team patrols enali, Alaska.	immortality.	st emperor, longs for	gs for bears from Svalbard find their home in the Arctic.		Totally Wild Lions learn to attack.	Totally Wild Eight legged wonders.	
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po		CSI: Crime Scene "Anatomy of a Lye"	(CC)	investigators pursue a killer to Miami.		WWE Raw Scheduled: Edge or Benoit?				Ultimate Gamer VGA	MXC "Former Olympians"	
43	FOX	Remington Steele * Laura and Steele se a murdered thief. (O	arch for the body of C)	St. Elsewhere A m that life support be matose nun. (Part 1	removed from a co- of 2) (CC)	Trading Spouses: Mommy Mothers for Tennessee trade pla	om California and aces. (N) (CC)	The Swan An account executive from Chicago and a student from South Car- olina are transformed. (N) (CC)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)		The Bob Newhart Show "The Separa- tion Story"	The Bob Newhar Show Jerry wants to form a co-op.	
44	BET		Top 10 Live Mario. (I		BET.com Count- down LL Cool J.	Three teens run for	1997, Drama) Tyrone their lives after a bot	ched drug deal.		2004 Reggae Sumf sic. (N)		BET Nightly News (CC)	Grown Folks Mu sic	
46	COURT	rebuild his relationsh (CC)		rested while chil- dren watch.	Cops Man alleged- ly held driver at gunpoint. (CC)	Forensic Files	Forensic Files Man reports two wives missing.	Forensic Files A son tries to clear his mom.	Forensic Files Woman dies in her bathtub.	Psychic Detec- tives	I, Detective An heiress finds her husband dead. (N)	House of Clues (N)	Fake Out	
48	STR-WLD	(CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond (CC)	Grounded for Life (CC)	Becker (CC)	Breaking the Magir		Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	
50	LIFE	The Nanny "The We doubts and jitters. (C	(C)	The Nanny 'The Fi an anniversary part	y. (CC)	The Nanny Reunio member The cast of sion sitcom is reunit	of "The Nanny" televi- ted. (N) (CC)	ian Spence. Premie sion. (CC)	ré. A woman géts a s	ma) Elisa Donovan, C second chance to reth	hink a fateful deci-	House? (N) (CC)	Blanche's grandso visits. (CC)	
51	ABCFAM	7th Heaven Someor pregnant; a fatal acc Camdens' lives. (Par	ident changes the t 1 of 2) (CC)	Santa Claus Is Co		Pesci, Daniel Stern.	2: Lost in New York Kevin ends up in Ne	w York when he boar	ds the wrong plane.	Anyway? "Greatest Hits." (CC)	Pack Duet." (CC)	The 700 Club Kirk giving up pornograp	hy. (N) (CC)	
53	HIST	One Hour Over Tok Raid (CC)		Modern Marvels "T Hand Tools" Primitiv tools. (CC)	e humans make	Grays' Agenda" Gra responsible. (N) (CC		(CC)				Tactical to Practical work; Portable Power teamwork. (N) (CC)	er; Ice Tech" Buildir	
57	STR-MV	pensé) Judd Nelson ous screenwriter ret		a Salem. A murder-	Lara Flynn Boyle, Jo his captors on a wild	oe Pantoliano. A kidn I chase.	apped infant leads	·	t Hour Behind the so	cenes of "Call of Duty		"Special Forces" ( Teague, Tim Abell. I search for a killer h	Army personnel olding a hostage.	
58	ADV 1	the Horizon Red Arrows.	●Himalayan Encou		Greenland: Chasin	g the Midnight Sun	"Stockholm" Skiing and curling.	•X Power		Microlight Odyssey (Part 1 of 4)	In the Air: Beyond the Horizon Red Arrows.	fashioned cure for a rash found.	and curling.	
59	MTV	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Direct Effect		Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge Paintball.	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge Swinging.	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (N) (CC)	Battle for Ozzfest Ozzy pulls a prank. (N)	Battle for Ozzfest The cast is interro- gated.		
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple	

#### JAPAN TV

Afternoon 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1985): Police Academy 2: First Assignment (2:00)(12)

5:50 News (6)

10:00 News (1) 10:00 Nikita (42)

JAPAN TV-BS7

#### 6:15 NFL Weekly

7:15 History of FIFA (1) 7:35 History of FIFA (2) 8:15 World News Hour 9:15 World News Hour

10:10 BS World Documentary: Arafat and Pal-estine Liberation (r)

#### 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 What's on Asia (r) 2:15 ABC News 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

Evening 6:15 CNN News 7:15 News Today: Asia 8:15 News Today: World

9:15 Economic News 10:10 2004 Japanese Major Leaguers (1): Hideki Matsui

Hideki Matsui 11:15 NFL: Baltimore Ravens vs. Indianapolis

2-15 Acian Naws

3:30 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour

#### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9:50 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: Wien Trombone Quar-tet (r)

tet (r)

Afternoon
3:00 German Movie (1921): Der Mude Tod
(1:40)

Evening 7:00 NHK News 1:30 British-Fre (2:10)

ench Movie (1969): Mayerling

Morning 7:30 Oswald #8

10:00 French-U.S. Movie (2002): Femme Fa-tale (1:57)

Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Knockaround Guys (1:34) - `` 'u'e' Movie (1978): The Deer Hunter (1:34) 2:40 U.S. Movie (1978): The Deer Hunter (3:05)

Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Critical Assembly (1:30) 11:30 South Park #102

12:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 2:30 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Swiss vs. France 4:30 U.S. Movie (1968): Rosemary's Baby (2:20)

#### MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Friday

8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 #1-#2 Afternoon 12:00 Rocks 1:00 Classic

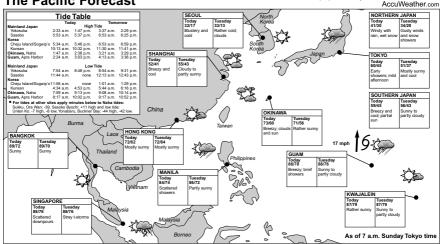
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- ness & Franz Ferdinand Evening 6:00 M Szc Monday 7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 9:00 all the Best of MTV Live Specials Orange 10:00 Rocks 11:00 Inside Track Concert 12:00 Classic 9:00 1:00 M Szc Monday 2:00 Top Choice 2:00 Alter Hours

#### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

high 44, low 33.

Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 47, low 33. Thursday: Mostly sunny.

#### KADENA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 71, low 58. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 73, low 60.

#### SEOUL

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 33, low 18 Thursday: Periods of clouds and eunehine high 36, low 21.

#### MANILA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 74. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 74

#### HAGATNA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 76. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 76

#### Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
Albuquerque	52/29	Los Angeles	80/52
Amarillo	60/26	Little Rock	65/32
Anchorage	37/30	Louisville	51/27
Asheville	53/32	Miami	78/61
Baltimore	47/32	Milwaukee	35/8
Birmingham	58/35	Nashville	56/30
Bismarck	28/5	New York	40/35
Boise	44/32	Omaha	47/7
Boston	38/35	Orlando	71/49
Brownsville	71/47	Philadelphia	47/33
Buffalo	39/23	Phoenix	72/46
Burlington	32/26	Pittsburgh	42/21
Charleston, S0	C 64/39	Portland, OR	53/39
Charlotte	57/36	Portland, ME	32/22
Cleveland	39/19	Salt Lake City	42/23
Columbus, OH	42/22	St. Louis	50/12
Duluth	14/-16	San Antonio	73/41
El Paso	55/30	San Diego	76/50
Hartford	38/24	San Juan	85/74
Helena	44/27	Tampa	71/52
Indianapolis	46/18	Tulsa	61/24
Jacksonville	66/40	Washington	50/34
Kansas City	53/11	Wichita	58/21



Monday, December 20

#### U.S. Extended Forecast

Frigid arctic air will cover the eastern half of the nation Monday. Temperatures in the single digits and teens will freeze the Northeast, Midwest and Ohio Valley. The Deep South will feel the chill as temperatures from Tennessee to Florida will average 15 to 20 degrees below normal. A storm off the Northeast coast will bring snow to northern and coastal New England. Traveling will difficult across Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Elsewhere, dry weather will prevail across the Southwest. A cold front will bring gusty winds and snow showers to the northern Plains. The arctic chill will remain over the East Tuesday. Snow will linger along the New England coast. A storm will bring snow to the Upper Midwest.

#### Monday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Monday's World Temperatures

crry Bangkok Beijing Camp Casey Christchurch Diego Garcia Hagatna Hanoi Hong Kong Honolulu	89/72 28/15 32/16 60/42 85/76 86/78 76/63 72/62 83/70	crry Iwakuni Kadena AB Kunsan AB Kwajalein Manila Misawa AB Osan Perth Pusan	HIGHILOW 61/40 73/60 39/27 87/79 84/74 48/28 34/20 92/69 49/34	CITY Sasebo NB Sapporo Seoul Shanghai Singapore Sydney Taegu Taipei Tokyo	HIGHILOW 57/43 41/30 32/17 52/41 88/76 76/53 46/28 71/59 60/45	Acapulco Athens Auckland Baghdad Barbados Barcelona Berlin Bermuda Brussels	87/71 56/47 62/51 58/39 87/70 51/33 32/25 72/52 33/23	Budapest Buenos Aires Cairo Cancun Cape Town Geneva Istanbul Jerusalem Johannesburg	65/44 72/57 77/57 32/23 45/36 54/40	CITY Kabul Kiev Kuwait London Madrid Mexico City Montreal Mogadishu Moscow	48/25 28/17 70/52 36/32 48/30 65/43 4/1 88/72 29/17	Nairobi New Delhi Oslo Paris Rio de Janeiro Rome St. Petersburg Stockholm Warsaw	51/36
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#### Route Irish now safer

Route Irish, aka Airport Road, was featured in the Dec. 4 article "Mortar rounds strike central Baghdad" that billed it as "the most dangerous highway in Iraq

While it is true that many anti-Iraqi forces (AIF) attacks have occurred on this stretch of highway during the past few months, this unsubstantiated reporting re flects a gross lack of responsibility. In reality, the number of attacks, and the unfortunate number of personnel wounded and

killed, has plummeted. Contrary to the fabricated reality created by the press, we are defeating the enemy. Improvised explosive devices? Successful

detonations have virtually ceased. Rocket-propelled grenade attacks? We patrol so heavily that the enemy is forced to "shoot and scoot" with such carelessness that they hit nothing.

Vehicle-borne improvised explosive de-vices (VBIEDs)? The AIF has sent more than 20 young men to die needlessly in suicide attacks over the past month.

Due to the adaptability of our tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs), these desperate measures resulted in few casualties among coalition forces. These reductions are in direct correlation to the hard work ingenuity and sacrifice of the soldiers and leaders patrolling this piece of asphalt, as well as the incorporation of the TTPs by con-VOVS

Irish is by no means a Sunday joyride; however, to call it "the most dangerous high way in Iraq" is creating a dangerous misconcention. Given the low success rate and obvious importance that the enemy has placed on Route Irish by launching almost all of its VBIEDs at it, they have lost. The road is still open and travel continues.

So why would Stars and Stripes, a paper that claims to care about soldiers, allow inaccuracies such as those in the Associated Press article to be published? Why would Stars and Stripes make it harder for the soldiers to make Iraq free by printing such sensational garbage?

Capt. Mike Higgins

#### Evolution more than 'theory'

I'm surprised by the assertions of the writer of the letter "Evolution is still a theory (Dec. 10) that evolution is not a fact given that she says she is educated on the theory of evolution. Like other scientific theories of equal stature - such as the theory of relativity and atomic theory — the theory of evolution is based on logical, tested, well-supported explanations for a great variety of facts.

By definition, the terms "theory" and "hypothesis" are used in nontechnical contexts to mean an untested idea or opinion. Used in technical contexts, "theory" is a more or less verified or established explanation accounting for known facts or phenomena.

Semantics? No, synonyms. This common misunderstanding of terms

has also led to the proposed textbook inclusion "contains material on evolution. Evolu tion is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things," If one feels comfort-

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able with and subscribes to that inclusion, one should also feel comfortable with and subscribe to an inclusion such as "contains material on gravity. Gravity is a theory, not a fact, regarding a physical force.

There are no organized protests regard ing the validity of the theory of gravity. The only explanation for protesting the validity of the theory of evolution is a misunderstanding of terms. The misuse and/or the misunderstanding of synonyms is no justification for perpetrating scientific falsehoods or denouncing scientific research and find-

The writer wonders if an article speaking to evidence found supporting creationism as a fact would be met with protest by the editors of Stars and Stripes and its audience My suggestion to the writer: Write one and

Diana Hartman Stuttgart, Germany

#### Understand what 'theory' means

Once again a letter is written calling evolution "just a theory" ("Evolution is still a theory," Dec. 10).

I have to wonder what these people were doing when the concept of a scientific theory was taught in their science classes.

Scientific theories such as the theory of gravity, cell theory, cancer theory and evolutionary theory are conclusions about phenomena based on rigorous and extensive bodies of research data

Compare this to the childish conjectures of so-called "creation scientists." I recall attending a creationist seminar where the instructor claimed, with a straight face, that the Loch Ness Monster is proof that man and dinosaurs walked the earth together. I was almost surprised that unicorns, dragons and the tooth fairy did not receive mention.

Right now, there is a war being fought that makes the war in Iraq seem like a minor neighborhood spat. It is the war to protect us from the next pandemic and it is being fought by people in lab coats called

evolutionary biologists against an enemy so small that trillions can fit on the head of a

This enemy has the potential to wipe out hundreds of millions of people. These biologists know that this enemy is rapidly evolving and is now resistant to all but a few of the newest drugs. Knowing that these viruses reproduce within minutes and mutate (evolve) very quickly forms the basis for the research and development needed to stay ahead of this menace.

I challenge my creationist brethren to reject all of these new medications if they cannot accept the scientific theory behind their development. John McDowell

Sembach Air Base, Germany

#### Creationism is a belief

"Evolution is still a theory" (letter, Dec. 10) incorrectly equates a theory with an opinion or a belief. It's true that no theory is a fact (by defini-

tion); a theory is used in science to explain facts. Its usefulness is defined by how well it accounts for the facts it attempts to explain In this regard, evolution theory has parsimony, subtlety and great predictive power. A theory must also be verifiable and falsifi-— that is, you must be able to prove it

right or prove it wrong. Creationism, which the letter writer refers to as "another theory," does not qualify as a scientific theory on this basis because it can never be disproven. In short, creationism is a belief, and has no business being discussed as, or equated with, a theory.

Evolution theory is one of the great ideas of modern civilization. I commend Stars and Stripes for reporting on the continued contributions of this magnificent theory to our understanding of human nature.

Jeffrey Card Bamberg, Germany

#### Keep Christmas in your heart

Recently, we celebrated Thanksgiving here in Iraq and in the States. It was a joyous time, a time for celebration. I look forward to next Thanksgiving, as it will be my first with my wife.

Although we are in Iraq, we must not forget both the celebration and the symbolism behind Christmas. Christmas is more than just a time kids go and see Santa Claus, or families come together and exchange gifts. It is a time we must remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a joyous time of celebration, it is a wonderful time.

Although we are at war, this is no reason to sideline Christmas. We must as mentioned in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," keep Christmas in our heart. I am here in Iraq serving my country. However, I will not forget Christmas. I will keep Christmas in my heart and share the wonder of this season with everyone.
In "A Christmas Carol," Tiny Tim said:

"God bless us, every one." I, too, want to echo that thought to all who serve in Iraq, and the families who wait for us back home Go in peace.

Spc. Michael Carl Tanner Camp Victory, Iraq

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



#### **OPINION**

### The nuance of necessary deception in war

an reporters be trusted with war information? Can the government be trusted? We're still finding out — or maybe we're not finding out.
One of the great successes of World War

James Pinkerton



II was Operation Fortitude, aimed at cloak-ing the D-Day invasion in a "bodyguard of lies." The Allies wished to convince the Germans that the assault across the En glish Channel would and near the town of Pas de Calais, at the Channel's narrowest

So the Allies created a phantom army, with inflatable rubber tanks and pa-

pier-mâché airplanes. To further the illusion, they created a fake navy, too, and put out faux radio transmissions. Meanwhile, the real assault armies were assembling farther south. And on the morning of June 6, 1944, the Allies landed at Normandy, 200 miles from Calais

point

Not only was the Normandy coast lightly defended but the Germans were still con vinced that the "real" attack was coming at Calais. By the time they figured out the deception, it was too late.

Operation Fortitude was, in the words of Air Force historian Ernest Tavares Jr., a "near perfect plan," leaving the Germans "essentially blind." And that's the way to win a war.

So to the obvious question: Could anything so sneaky as Operation Fortitude be pulled off today? Could thousands of peo ple be kept quiet in a world full of cell phones, e-mail and text-messaging, all interfacing with an ever-proliferating number of cable news channels, bloggers and list-servers? Which is to say, in other words, that "the media" today aren't just a few reporters who might be pep-talked or intimidated into keeping a secret. Instead, the media include millions of people representing different traditions, different countries, different loyalties. Could such a buzzing collectivity even begin to keep a secret? The United States is hardly helpless. American forces deposed Saddam Hussein in

Yet on the other hand, the larger objectives in the "global war on terror" ing the insurgents, democratizing Iraq, winning hearts and minds across the Middle East - remain to be achieved. And it's apparent that reports and images from Iraq, most notably the Abu Ghraib prison photos and the video of the Marine shooting a wounded man in Falluiah, aren't helping the American cause.

just three weeks of fighting last year.

It's not so much that the media are untrustworthy - although many in the military might argue that they are — it's that "press." from Al-Jazeera reporters to the humblest freelancer, is simply uncontrollable. And absent an enormous paradigm shift, that's not going to change.

But now, the military is preparing just such a paradigm shift. On Dec. 1, the Los Angeles Times revealed that in September the Pentagon had established a "strategic communications office" to wage informa-- or disinformation warfare in Iraq. The Times reported that an Oct. 14 an-



With Operation Fortitude in motion, U.S. assault troops huddle behind the protective front of their landing craft as it nears a beachhead on the northern coast of France on D-Day.

nouncement by the Marines of a seeming attack on Fallujah, carried on CNN, was, in fact, a fake-out of the enemy.

It's hard to argue against deceiving the enemy in wartime, but it must also be noted that such deceptions are soon covered by the media, which is to say, uncov-

Of course, it's possible that the military launched a hundred other Forti tude-like fakes that have gone unreported But now we know - or we think we know that the Pentagon plans to create a "di rector of central information" to control "strategic information." That new Pentagon post is not to be confused with the "national intelligence director," the new slot created to oversee the CIA and other spy outfits - one thinks.

But now that the directorate of informaon has been revealed, what does that reve lation do to the American government's credibility? Is it really a good idea to have, in effect, a Ministry of Deception if its existence is known to the world? In the future, it might be harder for the enemy to know what's going on, and that's good. But it will surely be harder for Americans to know what's going on, and that's not so good.

### GIs also suffer wounds that medicine can't heal

By Robert Cornejo

oesn't it figure that a second lieutenant got shot?" I overheard a noncommissioned officer say to his buddy. It was the afternoon of Dec. 20, 1989, and I was being evacuated to a military hospital in Panama on board a troop-carrying special operations helicopter.

It was 15 years ago that I was wounded on the first day of Operation Just Cause, the U.S. invasion of Panama. Since that day, I haven't often recounted my experience to others, and I mention Panama now not to celebrate that war but to bring attention to those who return home wounded from Iraq Afghanistan. Our soldiers today trained to do everything that the military asks of them in combat except maybe two things: come home wounded from war and deal with life afterward.

As a young field artillery officer, I was part of the first wave of the 82nd Airborne task force that parachuted into Torrijos International Airport near Panama City at 2 a.m. on Dec. 20. Our mission was to assemble around the howitzers that had been airdropped onto the airport ahead of us. After I met up with my unit and our guns, we were ordered to move from the airfield to a forward firing position to provide support for an infantry assault against the Panamanian Defense Forces.

Around noon our convoy of two howitzers, several trucks and a light tank departed the relative safety of the secure airport. To get our guns to the planned firing position near the Pacora River, our heavily armed group drove through the village of Cabuya. A couple of blocks short of the north end of town, two men dressed in civilian clothes and driving a small white car ambushed us with gunfire and grenades in a drive-by shooting. As the attackers accelerated through our halted convoy, we returned fire. I slid off my truck. got into a prone position in the street and fired a few rounds at the ambushers. Then I was hit. I felt a sharp, stinging pain in my right hip, and my leg stiffened in a muscle spasm. A noncommissioned officer riding in the truck picked me up, and the convoy quickly moved out.

I had been shot by an M-16 bullet - most likely friendly fire that ricocheted off the street during the brief firefight, which had lasted at most a minute. Both Panamanians in the car were dead. Two of us were wound-

Twenty-four hours later, I was back in the United States in a hospital bed at San Anto-nio's Brooke Army Medical Center. In the next few days, I underwent surgery on my wound and was transferred back to my home station at Fort Bragg, N.C. While I should have been happy to be recovering well. I wasn't. Instead. I was embarrassed when I called my father in Virginia to tell him that I had been deployed to Panama and had returned to the States wounded.

On Christmas Day I watched TV coverage of the Panama invasion and began to replay the minute-long firefight in my mind over and over. I blamed myself for getting off the truck and onto the street. I was angry at myself for becoming the stereotypical lieutenant who gets himself wounded during his first combat experience. I wondered if I had failed my men by departing the battle early. I asked "what if?" again and again.

I am not in a position to speak for the wounded veterans of today; I can only assume that some of our current war wounded experience feelings similar to mine. I believe that most of these men and women are not ready to share their combat experience with others as I do now For a time they may choose to deliberate on that moment they were wounded. For me, this routine continued for the better part of a year, until life's other concerns eventually displaced my internal debate.

The anniversary of the Panama invasion elicits personal memories for me. Others will have similar memories as they think back to the day they were wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. Many of today's combat wounded will not be as lucky as I was, but will suffer permanent disability resulting from the devastating effect of modern insur-

I don't think our military can ever train soldiers to prepare for coming home wounded or for dealing with life afterward. But I do think that we as Americans should keep in mind that most wounded veterans don't want unnecessary or extraordinary attention. What they are more likely to want is prigrips with the moment they were hit.

#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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#### Killed by pit bull

CO KIOWA — The bulls that fatally mauled a woman last year was sentenced to six years in pris-

Jacqueline McCuen had faced three to six years in prison after pleading guilty in September to owning a dangerous dog causing death

McCuen, of Elbert

County, was charged after the death of Jennifer Brooke, 40. Brooke had been walking outside to feed her horses when she was attacked by three dogs, which also attacked two men before they were shot and killed.

Seven months before Brooke's death, McCuen's dogs attacked a jogger, prosecutors said.

McCuen's boyfriend was also charged and was scheduled for trial next month.

#### Death for attacking girl

OH CALDWELL — A man cried and apologized as a judge sentenced him to die for rap-ing his girlfriend's 7-year-old daughter, beating her and drowning her in an abandoned well.

Fred Mundt Jr., 30, stopped short of admitting that he killed Brittany Hendrickson and said he will appeal. Mundt was convicted in December, and the judge followed the jury's recommendation that he be sentenced to death. Brittany's mother, Misty Hen-

drickson, and her three children lived with Mundt in Lebanon.

She told authorities she left the children with Mundt while she played bingo. He first claimed the girl wandered away while he was asleen

A psychologist testified in the trial's sentencing phase that Mundt told her he raped Brittany and considered taking her to a hospital. Instead he stuffed her in the well about a mile away and threw rocks at her until she stopped screaming.

#### Bees cause road closure

NV LAS VEGAS — A truck carrying 12 million honeybees hit a wall on a highway ramp. dumping its load across the pavement shortly before the evening rush hour

The truck was carrying 480 bee colonies, each with 25,000 insects, to California to pollinate the state's almond crop when it struck the wall

The collision spilled the bees and gallons of honey onto the highway and forced troopers to close the southbound ramp between Interstate 15 and U.S. 95 for more than four hours

State police believe the driver lost control on the curving ramp.

Authorities summoned beekeen ers to help but decided capturing the bees alive would take too much time and money. Firefighters doused the insects with water to kill them

#### Bag of chips dispute

VA FREDERICKSBURG — A University of Mary Washington student has been arrested after a man was hit with a hasehall bat during a dispute over a bag of

Joseph Y. Fischer, a freshman, was charged with aggravated malicious wounding and assault and battery following the attack.

school's Native American studies program, predicted 100 stu-dents will enroll either as majors or minors by 2006. UNM, which has about 3,000 American Indian students, created a minor in Native American studies in 1999

#### Mother arrested

ORLANDO — A woman FL was arrested on child abuse charges after her 3-year-old daughter was found dead in a filthy motel room where they lived the woman's husband and five other children, authorities

said The two adults were already serving four years probation because he used a belt to beat at least two children, including the girl who died, officials said.

Deputies found dirty diapers and trash littering the room at the extended-stay motel, and baby bottles containing moldy milk and what could have been maggots, said Orange County sheriff's spokeswoman Barbara Miller. Kenya Hill, 27, called police and

an emergency operator tried to give her CPR instructions for little Kai Gadison, but Hill told the operator it was too late. Miller said.

Kai, whose body was found on a bed, may have been dead for a day or two, authorities said. The Orange-Osceola medical examiner was performing an autopsy.

#### **DEA** denies pot request

AMHERST - The Drug Enforcement Administration has denied a request by a University of Massachusetts professor who wanted to grow marijuana for research

The request by horticulturist Lyle Craker, who specializes in me-dicinal plants, was supported by Sens. John Kerry and Edward

Kennedy. The only lab in the country allowed to grow marijuana for research is at the University of Mississippi and Craker argued the Mississippi marijuana isn't strong enough or easily available.

Craker's hope is to grow a potent strain of marijuana and make it available to scientists.

#### Increased threat of fire

SD RAPID CITY — Fire remains a threat in the Black Hills National Forest and adjoining prairies. Joe Lowe, the state wild land fire coordinator, said above-normal temperatures, lack of snow and low humidity increase the risk of fire. He said conditions are similar to late November 2003 when a fire burned 1,000 acres and threatened homes just north of Rapid City.

#### CD/DVD piracy raid

CA LOS ANGELES — Authorities raided five music and movie disc production plants, confiscating truckloads of counterfeit CDs and DVDs and the equipment to make them, all worth tens of millions of dollars, authorities said.

The search warrants were served simultaneously at several companies in Los Angeles and Or-ange counties, authorities said. The names of the companies were withheld pending ongoing investigations

The raid followed a six-month investigation



Fiery blaze Firefighters could only watch as St. Mary's of Perpetual Health of Rosemont Catholic Church burned. The church is located in rural Warren County between Milo and na in Iowa, and was a total loss.



Taking a break A mockingbird, the most widely known songbird in America and state bird of Texas. stands perched on a Christmas display set up by the Bereaved Parents Support Group at Bywaters Park in Paris, Texas,

#### College offers new degree

ALBUQUERQUE - The University of New Mexico says it will offer a bachelor's degree in Native American studies. Greg Cajete, director of the

**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

Fredericksburg police spokes-

man Jim Shelhorse said the inci-

dent occurred at an off-campus

party at a home where Fischer

lives following an argument over a

Washington Hospital. The extent

of his injury was not available.

Man convicted of theft

HONOLULU — An attorney

more than \$12 million was sen-

Jerrold Chun, 56, had pleaded no contest to charges filed in con-

nection with a scheme involving in-

surance claims stemming from

that he had paid back the money

He was convicted of three counts of first-degree theft, one

count of unlawful ownership or op-

eration of a business and ten

counts of money laundering.

Chun's attornevs said in August

tenced to 10 years in prison.

Hurricane Iniki

he pocketed.

who cheated the state out of

The victim was taken to Mary

Aggravated malicious wounding

carries a penalty of 20 years to life

bag of Doritos.

in prison.



Brent Blaylock, 6, has a little trouble emptying his shovel while moving snow, in Solon Springs. Wis. Blaylock got a jacket full of snow for his good deed.



 $Protesting\ pooch\ \ {\small \ \ }^{\ \ }_{\ \ } \ \ \, \text{pomeranian named Sugarbaby carries a sign for his owner, Darla Urbina, who is $$\operatorname{Louis Public School teachers consider an unfair contract imposed on them by the district at Kiener Plaza in St. Louis.}$ 



Charitable singer Miranda Smith, 9, sings Christmas songs outside of Wal-Mart in Grand Forks, N.D., as shoppers pass by. Miranda to raise oney to get a bulletproof vest for Lesko, a dog at the Grafton (N.D.) Police Department



Nicole Kamp, a special programs teacher at Dillard Drive Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C., reacts to news that she has won a grant from the Wake Education Partnership.



Waiting in anticipation

Sierra May, right, and other students wait to visit Santa at the Masa
Mall in Grand Junction, Colo. This was May's first time to see Santa.

#### Smuggler gets 30 years

MIAMI — A man who admitted smuggling more than 24 tons of cocaine into the United States from 1984 to 2000 was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison.

Ålex Decubas, a Cuban-born naturalized American citizen, admitted helping run a small fleet of ships and boats, including a 236-foot Danish freighter, to carry coaine into south Florida. He also allegedly built two submarines, one that was seized in Colombia and another that sank in a test off Colombia in 2002.

In guilty pleas entered in five indictments, Decubas also admitted laundering \$6.3 million in drug profits. He could have been sentenced to life in prison.

After working for the Julio Nasser David smuggling ring, which was dismantled in 1994 after \$189 million was seized in Swiss banks, Decubas worked with Colombia's North Coast cartel until his arrest last year.

#### **Emergency hoaxes**

STOWE — A former volunteer firefighter is facing charges that he made a series of false 911 calls so he could watch fire engines race toward fab-

ricated emergencies.
Donald Griggs, 19, has pleaded
not guilty to charges of false public
alarms and false reports to law-enforcement officials. He was released on conditions following his
arraignment last week in Vermont
District Court in Barre, said Evelyn Bailey, executive director of

Court documents say Griggs used a cell phone he found in a Morrisville parking lot to call the emergency phone number about 15 times between Nov. 21 and Dec. 8. The phone was not associated with a wireless-service provider, so the only number it could call was 911. Bailev said.

the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board.

#### Caskets hid marijuana

OK SALLISAW — Talk about your killer weed.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers found 610 pounds of marijuana hidden in caskets being hauled in a truck stopped near this eastern Oklahoma town.

The driver, Timothy G. Hynd, 26, and his passenger, Robert Dean Harper, told a trooper they were working for a Tucson, Ariz., casket company and their destination was Atlanta. They were pulled over for going 6 mph over the speed limit.

The marijuana was found after troopers were given permission to search the truck.

Hynd and Harper were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and were freed on bond. Both men said they had no idea there was marijuana in their cargo

#### Not the smartest bet

WA ALGER — If you're going to settle that fiery football bar bet, at least be careful about who's around.

Three men who had been watching the Monday Night Football game earlier this month between Seattle and Dallas at the Alger Tavern in this Skagit County town stepned outside to settle un.

One of them had promised to burn his Seahawks' memorabilia if Seattle lost, which is exactly what

happened

True to his word, the man walked outside, stripped off his jersey and hat, and lit them afire on the tavern's walkway, the Skagit Valley Herald reported. But a State Patrol sergeant

But a State Patrol sergeant drove by just at that moment and cited the trio — ages 22, 25 and 32 — for reckless burning. If convicted, they could face maximum penalties of a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail.

#### Owner didn't violate law

MT BILLINGS — The owner of a mobile home park near here didn't violate state campaign laws when the promised his tenants their rents would go down if voters approved a \$13 million sewer bond, a state election official ruled. Linda Vaughey said there wasn't sufficient evidence to conclude that Ivan Andrick was offering an illegal, direct financial incentive for renters to vote for the measure in February.

#### Governor stays close

MO JEFFERSON CITY
Gov. Bob Holden won't
move far when he leaves
the Governor's Mansion next
month. Holden said he's rented a
house in Jefferson City and plans
to remain in the capital at lears
tutl his sons finish the curren
school year. Holden's four-year
term as governor ends at non Jan.
10. He's had discussions with several prospective employers.

#### **Botulism poisoning**

FL OAKLAND PARK — Four people paralyzed by botulism were injected with large doses of a raw, unapproved botulinum toxin that someone at their anti-wrinkle treatment clinic bought from a California laboratory, federal documents show.

The suspended doctor who ad-

ministered the shots, Bach McComb, used the material as if it were lower-strength Botox, a derivative of botulinum toxin that is a federally approved medication for wrinkle control and other uses, federal agents said in court papers.

McComb and his girlfriend are among the four people who remain hospitalized after getting the shots. Botulism poisoning is fatal in about 10 percent of cases. It usually paralyzes victims from the head down for several months until af-

### fected nerve endings regrow. Breast-feeding case

her breasts.

AUBURN — The Maine Human Rights Commisson has cleared the manager of a Denny's Restaurant of allegations that he discriminated against a nursing mother by making inappropriate comments about

In a 3-2 vote, the panel found no reasonable grounds to believe that discrimination had occurred. The vote went against the recommendation of the commission's investiga-

"I knew the truth would come out sooner or later," Marcel Deschaines said from the restaurant in Auburn, where he has worked for 15 years.

Stephanie York of Oakland filed the complaint alleging that Deschaines made several comments while she was breast-feeding her baby at Denny's on Nov. 21, 2003.

Stories and photos from wire services

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#### J Horoscope

Mercury dusts off his hands and says, "Enough!" This process of rehashing and reviewing is getting old already! Yes, looking back has a purpose, but it's **Holiday Mathis** about time we figured out what to do with now. It will

take about three weeks for Mercury to come completely out of the shadow, and this creates the illusion of time stretching

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 20), Cele brate your power this year - others take note and give you even more reasons to rejoice. Next month is key in raising your financial status. Ask for money due you or a deserved raise. Your sex appeal is unmistakable this year, and singles have hot dates through the spring. You could wind up with a Scorpio or Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Put in the work required, and you'll shine. Talent and willpower are inextricably woven together. There are no outstanding talents who are not also outstandingly disciplined when it comes to honing their craft.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be blessed - and then blessed again and again and ... too much of a good thing can be bad for you, making you feel overwhelmed. Be judicious, and know when to pass your bounty on to the next person

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because of your contagious zest for life, you're the one who can help that person with the defeatist "been there, done that" attitude. It's lucky to extend an invite and then take only "ves" for an answer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Growth is the word of the day. Think of everything as alive - thoughts are alive, energy is alive, and love is alive What's alive requires breath

and food. Feed and oxygenate your relationship with the world. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Karma zings back in fast motion - you'd have to try hard not to get the message. So now you know what you are giving by looking hard and long at what has come back at you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're holding out for the one (job.

person, dress sale), and it's worth the wait. Except the word "wait" is so passive, implying you're twiddling your thumbs until the perfect situation arrives, which, of course, vou're not

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unconsciously, you're looking for ways to reward your self for work that feels, at the present time, largely

unrewarded. While you're at it, you may as well go for big rewards instead of piddly ones like snack food

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The brimming excitement of the season is getting to you - you're all swept up and ready to give, give. give. Or should I say, spend, spend, spend? You can do the first without

overdoing the latter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone seems to have cast a spell on you, as you're moving through the day in an enchanted haze. Then again, this seeing reality through a magical fog is kind of nice.

Enjoy it while it lasts. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people resent being

stuck between a rock and a hard place, but you wisely realize that this usually means there's nowhere to go but up! Ask for a lifeline, and helicopter your way out of a tough situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nothing breaks up monotony like the warm feelings you get around good. solid people. Sensational news on the social front is featured - when friends have something to celebrate, you have do, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life is like a jazz trio. When you're given the opportunity to solo, play your heart out! A shameless self-promoter has something to teach you. Take this lesson all the way to the hank

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WE PREDICTED CHAOS

WE'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF THERE'S
SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT MOTHER TO
FIND OUT, DO YOU SAY "MOM'S THE WORD"?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals N

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirlon

Dear Abby

### Tupperware parties too costly

Dear Abby: I would like to share my pet peeve with you. It's heing invited to "sales parties for kitchenware, beauty products, etc. I can't afford to spend money at these so-called parties because I have three children to

feed. I would prefer not to disclose my financial situation to every person who issues these invitations, which arrive some times on a weekly basis. I have tried to tell friends that I am busy that night, and they either find out that I really don't have plans or try to sign me up for an "outside order." I have shared with a few friends that I am on a strict budget, and they reply with "just come and don't buy anything.

That's not a workable solution, because the consultants see the word "no" as a challenge and won't take "no" for an answer. Also, it's intimidating to see everyone else pull out their checkbooks. How can I get unin-

vited permanently?

— Can't Afford my Friends in Albuquerque, N.M. Dear Can't: Real friends don't subject friends to embarrassment or use them to get special deals by promoting commercial products. Ignore the solicitations as

you would any other, and don't feel guilty. If you're questioned, just say you weren't interest ed in buying - it's the

Dear Abby: I recently attended several soccer practices for

6-year-olds. One boy on the team, "Timmy," so obese he can barely run. His mother screams at him from

the sidelines, giving him directions every few minutes

Sometimes the poor child 'runs" in the wrong direction and scores for the opposing team. (I personally believe he suffers from ADD.) Timmy said to his mother, "I can't run!" — and he can't. His large belly and huge

thighs prevent him from running. One can see his frustration

After the game, each player is given a paper sack of refresh-ments. One time, it was a chocolate cupcake, a bag of chips and a cold drink. At the end of the game, after the snacks, Timmy ran to his mother. He was crying. She was talking on her cell phone. She said, "Here's 50 cents — go buy a candy bar." My heart aches for this boy.

- Concerned Parent Bloomington, Ind.

Dear Concerned: Since you can't change Timmy's mother, speak to the coach. That's the only person the boy should be listening to during a game. Per-haps the mother will take guidance from the coach regarding a healthy diet and exercise regimen for her son. Another thing you might do is provide some healthy snacks for the players after the games, and organize the other moms to do the same. Letters for this column - with you name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: DEMON COACH CLAUSE MISERY Too many doughnuts may not be wholesome but they are - "HOLE-SOME"

### **Accusation jeopardizes friendship**

Dear Annie: Yesterday, "Gina," my best friend of 27 years accused me of looking in her wallet when she ran into her house to get something while I sat in her minivan. I did not go through her wallet.

In fact, I never even

touched it. I swore to Gina that I didn't do anything, but she insists she saw me looking at her driver's license photo on the outside of her wal-

But, Annie, she is mistaken, I had my own wallet in my lap and was looking through it, sorting out my receipts and cash. I'm sure she saw mine and thought it was hers

I never would do anything to jeopardize our friendship. How can I prove to Gina that I never touched her things?

- West Lafayette, Ind. Dear Indiana: A good friend doesn't assume the worst about her pals, and then accuse them of lying when they offer a reason



able explanation. She doesn't sound complete-

ly rational to us. Since you value the friendship, the easiest way to remedy this is to apologize without admitting guilt: "Gina. I'm so sorry you thought I looked in your wallet I would never intentionally risk our friendship. You

#### mean too much to me.

Dear Annie: Recently, our beloved mother passed away without leaving a will. During the last few years of her life, she gave most of her prized possessions to her children and grandchildren so she could watch us enjoy them.

Mom also told us that her home and remaining possessions were to be left to her youngest son who lived with her for the last 10 years.

Those closest to her have abided by her wishes. However, one granddaughter has called repeatedly, asking about the estate and wanting to get her hands on the

items left to my brother. We expect there will be a long legal battle over this selfish girl's actions. Now we must deal with a fight that would have shamed and disgusted her grandmother.

I hope this letter serves to encourage anyone who hasn't written a will to do so - Disappointed

in Bakersfield, Calif. Dear Bakersfield: Greed can be a powerful motivator, but if this niece received mementos from her grandmother equal to what other grandchildren received, there's no reason for her to believe she is entitled to more. Is there anyone who can explain to this misguided soul that she is creating a tremendous amount of ill-will for what ultimately may be very little gain? No amount of

money can replace a loving Jamus, Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox/@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syncate, ST77 W. Century Blvd., Suifer 70, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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rampa bay.

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a.m.-NFL: St. Louis at Arizona.

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City (did). AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.-NFL: ESPN NFL Prime

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Princeton at Temple (did).
AFN-Pacific/Korea, 7 p.m.-NFL: New England at Miami (did).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NBA: Phoenix at Denver (did).

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#### Pro football

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San Diego at Cleveland
St. Louis at Arizona.
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Jacksonville at Green Bay
Tennessee at Qakland
Baltimore at Indianapolis
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N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati Buffalo at San Francisco New England at N.Y. Jets Arizona at Seattle Washington at Dallas Carolina at Tampa Bay Cleveland at Miami Monday, Dec. 27 Philadelphia at St. Louis

#### College football

#### Division I-A playoffs

Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenp Chattanooga, Tenn James Madison 31, Montana 2

**Division III playoffs** Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium Salem, Va.

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NAIA playoffs Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 At Jim Carroll Stadium Hardin County, Tenn. rroll, Mont. 15, St. Francis, Ind. 13

#### College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25 fared

Saturday Illinois (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Val-also, Sunday. 2. Kansas (6-0) vs. South Carolina. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wednesday. 3. Georgia Tech (7-0) vs. No. 22 Gonzaga. Next: vs. Charleston Southern, Wednesday. 4. Oklahoma State (7-0) at UNLV. Next: vs. orthwestern Oklahoma, Tuesday, 5. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: Virginia Tech, Sunday, 6. Wake Forest (9-1) beat No. 14 Texas 89-88. Next: at New Mexico, Wednesday,
7. Duke (6-0) vs. Oklahoma. Next: vs. Clem-

57. Duke (6-1) vs. Oklahoma. results (7-1) vs. Oklahoma. results (8-1) vs. Drexel. Next: vs. Cornell, Monday. (6-1) beat No. 13 Louisville 69-58. Next: vs. William & Mary, Wednesday. 10, Pittsburgh (7-0) vs. Coppin State. Next: vs. Richmond, Thursday. 11. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. 11. Connecticut (4-1) did not play.

vs. Richmond, Thursday.

11. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Sunday.

12. North Carolina State (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Washington, Sunday.

13. Louisville (5-2) lost to No. 9 Kentucky 60-58. Next: vs. India Tuesday. 14. Texas (7-2) lost to No. 6 Wake Forest 89-88. Next: vs.

89-88. Next: vs.
Centenary, Wednesday.
15. Arizona (7-2) beat Marquette 48-43.
Next: vs. Manhattan, Tuesday.
16. Iowa (8-1) vs. Western Carolina. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday.
17. Alabama (8-1) vs. Tennessee State.
Next: vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Wednessee.

day.

18. Washington (7-1) did not play. Next: vs.
No. 12 North Carolina State, Sunday.
19. George Washington (7-1) beat Towson
85-69. Next: at Florida International, Thursday. 20. Mississippi State (8-2) at Xavier. Next: "26. Mississippi State (8-2) at Xavier. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Monday. 21. Michigan State (6-2) beat Delaware State 63-45. Next; vs. UCLA. Tuesday. State 64-65. Next; vs. UCLA. Tuesday. Rev. Next: vs. Eastern Washington, Tuesday. 22. Maryland (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Sunday. Next: vs. Loy-old. Marylmout, Thursday. 25. Cincinnati (6-0) vs. Northwestern State. Next: vs. Acksoon State, Mondoson State.

#### Friday's men's scores

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Valley City St. 67, Jamestown 66, OT SOUTHWEST Ark.-Little Rock 76, St. Bonaventure 56 S. Nazarene 84, SW Christian 52 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 67, Texas South-

FAR WEST Montana St. 81, Montana St.-Northern 70 NW Nazarene 71, Montana St.-Billings 64 St. Mary St., Cal. 73, Sacrametto St. 38 Utah St., N. Colorado 65 W. Baptist 80, Oregon Tech 84 TOURNAMENT Dodge Holiday Classic First Round E. Illinols 56, Idaho St. 53 Newards 66 Idaho St. 53

minois 56, Idaho St. 53 evada 60, Florida Atlantic 46 Holland Sentinel Community Classic First Round De 87, Judson 45

Wis.-Whitewater 93, Concordia, Mich. 61
Palm Beach Hoops Classic
First Round
Lake Superior St. 74, Nova Southeastern 57 Spa City Shootout
First Round
Henderson St. 46, Missouri-Rolla 45
Ouachita St., Tuskegee 62
Super 9 Classic
Notre Dame Coll. 113, Penn St.-Beaver 53
Tiffin 86, Madonna 75

Tiffin 86, Madonna 75

EXHIBITION
Finlandia 102, Grace Bible 81

AP Women's Top 25 fared

1. LSU (9-0) did not play, Next: at South-vest Missouri State, Saturday. 2. Stanford (7-0) did not play. Next: at Mis-

was imposed state adultury.

3. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: at Missouri Sardray.

3. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Purdue at Indianapolis, Saturday.

4. Texas (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas.-Arington, Tuesday.

5. North Carolina (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia State at Myrtie Beach, S.C., Sunlay. 6. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.
7. Notre Dame (9-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
8. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: at . Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: at . 23 Arizona State, Tuesday. . Tennessee (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Sunday. 10. Ohio State (9-1) did not play. Next: at

10. Ohio state (9-1) did not play, rexx: dregon, Saturday, 11. Michigan State (8-1) did not play, Next: vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Sunday, 12. Texas Tech (5-1) did not play, Next: vs. Arkansas State at Las Vegas, Saturday, 13. Minnesota (8-2) did not play, Next: vs. 13. Minnesota (8-2) diu no. pas, .... Drake, Thursday, 14. Boston College (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Wednesday, 15. Georgia (7-3) did not play. Next: at

na, Sunday. 16. UCLA (6-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, 

21. DBPAut (1-2) did not play. Next. at 3c. re-ter's, Tuesday. 22. Rutgers (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday. 23. Arizona State (7-1) did not play. Next: at New Mexico, Saturday. 24. Iowa (8-0) did not play. Next: at Drake,

25. Kansas State (5-2) did not play. Next:

Labama at Springfield, Mo., Saturday.

#### Friday's women's scores

EAST Cortland St. 85, Rochester Tech 45 Fresno St. 68, Manhattan 59 George Washington 68, St. Mary's, Cal. 49 Hofstra 68, Harvard 57 Hofstra 68, Harvard 57 Notre Dame, Ohio 78, Thiel 72 Robert Morris 60, Duquesne 56 St. John's 69, Georgia Tech 65 SOUTH Ark.-Little Rock 60, Murray St. 56 Armstrong Atlantic 67, Lenoir-Rhyne 62,

Armstrong Atlantic or, Lenon. High Standard, Mars Hill 65 Carson-Newman 82. Lincoln Memorial 69 Chartanoong 30, Elon 46 Davidson 72, Coli. of Charlatson 47, Palm Beach Atlantic 58 Heyelfle 75, Palm Beach Atlantic 58 Tampa 67, Warner Sputhern 45 Transylvania 75, Warner Sputhern 45 Transylvania 75, Morard 50, Houston 57 West Georgia 78, Moston 57, West Georgia 78, Moston 51, 69 West Georgia 78, 69 Black Hills St. 66, Dakota St. 63 Eureka 66, Monmouth, III. 61 III.-Springfield 84, Grace 79 Jamestown 73, Valley City St. 72

Judson 66, Fr. Mary 77, May y //, Mayville St. 69 ikin 67, Wartburg 56 waukee Engineering 53, Concordia, III.

Morningside 93, Cornell, Iowa 44
Ohio Weslyn 75, Anderson, Ind. 57,
Dakota Tech 76, S1 Tanka-Huron
Simpson, Iowa 86, Iowa Weslyn 93
Upper Iowa 59, Clarke 43 Upper Iowa 59, UTP 52
Rice 87, Texas 51, 67
Res 75, Texas 51, 67
Res 75

ldt St. 44

Montana St.-Billings 58, Humbold Portland St. 80, UC Irvine 74 San Francisco 64, Sonoma St. 53 We Michigan Tech 69, Florida Sou Hubbard Co./Pro-Rehab Tourna First Round Defiance 72, Muskingum <sup>50</sup>

#### Baseball

### Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 77 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract infor-mation was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sourc-

es:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (3) — Signed Steve Finley, of, Los
Angeless, to a \$14 million, two-year contracts
signed Esteban Yan, rhp, Detrolt, to a \$2.25
million, two-year contracts signed Paul Byrd,
thp, Atlanta, to a \$4.5 million, one-year con-

ract.

BALTIMORE (2) — Re-signed B.J. Surhoff f, to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract igned Chris Gomez, ss. Toronto, to a mino ONLY THE STATE OF THE STATE OF

rid, 53, 51, 20013, to a gradual contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, two-year contract; signed Jermaine Dye, of, Oakland, to a \$10.15 million, two-year con-

Obligation, to a \$1.015 million, two-year con-tract EHEAMD (2) — Re-signed Bob Wickman, the contract of the contract, and the contract, placed lose Hernandez, but, legisles, to a \$1.35 million, one-year contract. \$1.35 million, one-year contract. DETROIT (1)— Signed Troy Percival, rho, Anaheim, to a \$1.2 million, two-year contract. KANSAS CITY (1) — Re-signed Revin Appi-er, rho, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

(\$500,050).

MINNESOTA (4) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b, Cincinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year contract; signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a \$1.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Brad Radke, rhp, to an \$18 million, two-year

Frad Radke, rhp, to an \$18 million, two-year contract; re-signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000).

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed John Flaherty, to an \$800,000, one-year contract. \$284THE (2) — Re-signed Dan Wilson, c, to a \$54THE (2) — Re-signed Dan Wilson, c, to a \$50 million, one-year contract; signed Sichie Sexson, bl, arizona, to a \$50 million, our-year contract. TELAS (3) — Re-signed Doug Brocall, rhp, TELAS (3) — Re-signed Doug Brocall, rhp,

four year contract.

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d Royce Clayton, ss, Colorado, to a million, one-year contract; signed Counsell, ss, Milwaukee, to a \$3.1 mil

State million, on-year, contract, signed in the contract of th

ss, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; re-signed Orlando Palmeiro, of, to an \$800,000, one-year contract; re-signed Russ Springer, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$550,000); announced Roger Clemens, rhp, accepted salary arbitration.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Signed Ricky Ledee, of,
San Francisco, to a \$2.5 million, two-year
contract; signed Jeff Kent, 2b, Houston, to a

\$17 million, two-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Signed Damian Miller, c,
Oakland, to an \$8.5 million, three-year con-

MONTREAL (3) — Signed Cristian Gurman, S. Minnesota, to a \$1.65 million, four-year and, to a \$6.85 million, four-year ando, to a \$5.8 million, tou-year contract-signed WII Cordero, of, Florida, to a \$500,000 melyeur contract-signed WII Cordero, of, Florida, to a \$500,000 melyeur contract-signed WII Cordero, of, Florida, to a \$500,000 melyeur contract-signed Miles Delean, rip., to a \$2.55 million, three-year contract-signed Miles Delean, rip., to a \$1.55 million, flore-year contract, to the signed Pedro Martinion, four-year contract, to the \$1.55 million, flore-year contract contract.

PHILADELPHIA (3) — Re-signed Cory Lidle PHILABELPHIA (3) — Re-signed Cory Lidle, to a 533 million, two-year contracts to the contract to the contract to the contract contract, re-signed Rineal Cormier, Iho, to a 525 25 million, two-year contract; signed on Lieber, rho, New York Yankees, to a 521 Lidle Lieber, rho, New York Yankees, to a 521 Lidle ST. 1,0045 (6) — Re-signed Call Eldred, rho, to a \$500,000, one-year contract re-signed both Nabby, of to a \$72,000, one-year con-million, one-year contract; signed Elinar part, Montract, to a \$500,000, one-year con-

tract.

SAN DIEGO (4) — Signed Rudy Seanez, rhp.
Florida, to a \$550,000, one-year contract;
signed Dennys Reyes, lhp, Kansas City, to a
\$550,000, one-year contract: signed Woody
Williams, rhp, St. Louis, to a \$3.5 million,
one-year contract; signed Fire Young, of
Feas, to a St. million, one-year contract. Texas, to a \$1 million, one-year contract. SAM FRANCISCO (4) — Signed Ornal Vizquel, ss, Cleveland, to a \$12.25 million three-year contract; signed Armando Beni-tez, rhp, Florida, to a \$21.5 million three-year contract; signed Mike Matheny c, \$1. Louis, to a \$10.5 million, three-year con-tract; signed Jeff Fassero, lhp, Arizona, to a million, three-year co sero, lhp, Arizona, to , St. Louis, to a 51.05 million, three-ye ract; signed Jeff Fassero, lhp, Arizor ilnor league contract. JAPANESE CENTRAL LEAGUE YOMIUR (1) — Signed Gabe Kapler, o on, to a one-year contract

#### College hockey

#### Friday's scores

MIDWEST
Denver 4, Minn.-Duluth 4, tie
Milwaukee Engineering 3, Finlandia 2
North Dakota 5, Canisius 1
W. Michigan 4, Bemidji St. 3, OT W. Michigan 4, Bemidji St. 3, 0T FAR WEST Colorado College 8, Minn.-Mankato 5 EXHIBITION Michigan Tech 7, Lakehead 2 Rochester Tech 7, US Under-18 Team 4

#### Deals

#### Friday's transactions

RASFRALL BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with
SS Edgar Renteria on a lour-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Bobby
Jenks off walvers from Anaheim. Designated
RHP Eduardo Villacis for assignment.

Eduardo Villacis for assignment. ed to terms with OF Timo Perez on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms
with RHP Denny Stark, LHP Chad Zerbe, INF
Mike Kinkade and INF Jose Morban on minor

eague contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms
with INF Adrian Beltre on a five-year con-Tract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with
INF Gree Colbrunn on a minor league con-

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Claimed INF Alfredo 

Mational Baskethall Association
PHILADELPHIA FEBS—Placed Flosh Davis
n the injured list. Activated G Kevin Ollie
rom the injured list. Activated G Kevin Ollie
TORONTO RAPTORS—Traded G Vince Cartr to New Jersey for C Alonzo Mourning, F
ick Williams, F, Raron Williams and two 2005
rst-round draft picks.

or to New Jersey for C Alonzo Mourning, refric Williams, F Aprin Williams and two 2005 first-round draft in 2005 fall.

National Football League
NRI—Fined Denver (B) Jake Plummer \$5,000 for making an obscene gesture during a Dec. 12 game against Milami.

DENVER BRONCOS—Placed DT Luther El-

DETROIT LIONS—Signed OT Sean Bubin from Jacksonville's practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released DT Jon Bradley. Signed DT Keith Wright from the practice squad. Signed DE Corey Smith to the practice squad. COLLEGE
EAST CAROLINA—Named Rock Roggeman

nebackers coach. EASTERN MICHIGAN—Named Chris Hoiles ssistant baseball coach.
INDIANA—Named Terry Hoeppner football coach.
IOWA STATE-Named Christy Johnson

vomen's volleyball coach.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN—Announced the omen's golf coach.

OLIVET—Named Bob Kubiak assistant Nead football coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Named Dave Wommack assistant football coach.
SYRACUSE—Named Daryl Gross athletic di-

rector.
UCLA—Signed Karl Dorrell, football coach, to a two-year contract extension through the 2010 season.

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### **Suns hold off Sonics** in battle of NBA's best

BY TIM KORTE The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Ring up another road victo-

ry for the streaking Phoenix Suns. Joe Johnson had 24 points and 10 re-

bounds, Shawn Marion added 22 points and Steve Nash scored 21 as Phoenix heat the Seattle SuperSonics 112-110 on Friday night in a showdown between the NBA's top two teams

"That was a great game," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "There was a lot of scoring and a lot of plays. We held tough like we've been doing most of the year. We made some stops at the end. It was a great, great game."

Phoenix won its seventh straight, as well as its seventh straight on the road to extend the team's longest road winning streak since 1997-98. At 10-1, the Suns have the best away record in the league.

It wasn't just what Phoenix did. It was how the Suns did it.

Johnson did the dirty work, scoring 12 in the second quarter to reel in Seattle's 16-point early lead. Nash dished out 12 assists with only three turnovers.

Marion hit a big basket or two. Amare Stoudemire was a spinning, soaring, shooting highlight reel. And don't forget Quentin Richardson, who scored 18 and put the Suns ahead 105-103 on a three-point play with 1:10 remaining.

Stoudemire added 20 points and nine rebounds for Phoenix, which erased a seven-point deficit in the final 3 minutes and became the first club to 20 wins - but had to outlast the Sonics in an exciting fourth quarter.

"We don't want to live that way, but it's nice to be able to come back from being down." Nash said. "We've got a big heart. but it's also talent. You've got to use those

Phoenix (20-3) led 107-104 when Seattle's Luke Ridnour missed a three-point try from the right wing with 11.9 seconds to

The Sonics (18-5) had just moved the ball around the perimeter for three decent looks, but Rashard Lewis missed an inside try and Vladimir Radmanovic missed a

"It was a hard-fought battle," said Ray Allen, who scored 32 points on 15-for-26 shooting. "The ball didn't go down for us in the stretch. I know I missed a layup that would have put us in a different situation. But when I draw the final conclusion, they beat us.

Marion appeared to seal the victory with two late free throws, but Allen bounced in a three-pointer with 4 seconds to play to get Seattle within 109-107. Nash was fouled and hit both shots to give Phoenix a 111-107 lead.



Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash. left, passes to teammate Amare Stoudemire (32) around Seattle SuperSonics' Reggie Evans (30) in the second quarter Friday in Seattle.

The Suns needed every point, too, because Lewis took an inbounds pass and hit a three-pointer with 0.5 seconds on the clock. Marion was fouled and added one more free throw to wrap things up.

Unfortunately for Seattle, a few misses and some defensive lapses were the difference.

"We had this game under control," coach Nate McMillan said. "If we make stops and not break down on the defensive end, we have a chance to win. Defensively, we just broke down that last minute. They made the plays. We didn't."

Lewis scored 25 points, while Reggie Evans added 13 points and 14 rebounds. Radmanovic scored 14 for the Sonics. According to the Elias Sports Bureau. this was the first meeting in almost five

years between teams with better than .800 records after 20 games. The Los Angeles Lakers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 90-87 on Feb. 29, 2000.

Even stranger, neither the Suns nor Sonics reached the playoffs last season.

#### **NBA** scoreboard

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Atlantic Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
New York	12	11	.522	-			
Boston	10	12	.455	11/2			
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	21/2			
Toronto	8	17	.320	5			
New Jersey	7	15	.318	41/2			
Southeast I	Divis	ion					
Miami	18	7	.720	_			
Washington	13		.619	3			
Orlando	13	9	.591	31/2			
Charlotte	5	14	.263	10			
Atlanta	- 4	19	.174	13			
Central Division							
Cleveland	14	9	.609	-			
Detroit	12	10	.545	11/2			
Indiana	12	10	.545	11/2			
Milwaukee	6	14	.300	61/2			
Chicago	6	15	.286	7			
Western Conference							

western Conterence							
Southwest I	ivis	ion					
	W	L	Pct	GB			
San Antonio	19	5	.792	-			
Dallas	15	9	.625	4			
Houston	11	12	.478	71/2			
Memphis	10		.400	91/2			
New Orleans		20	.091	16			
Northwest I	ivis						
Seattle	18		.783	-			
Minnesota	15		.652	3			
Denver		10	.565	5			
Portland	11	11	.500	61/2			
Utah			.417	81/2			
Pacific Div							
Phoenix	20	3	.870	-			
Sacramento	15		.682	41/2			
L.A. Lakers	13		.565	7			
L.A. Clippers	11	11	.500	81/2			
Golden State		16	.304	13			
Thursday's	gai	mes					
Detroit 81, Cleveland 69							

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Utah at New York

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Memphis at L.A. Clippers

#### Friday Pacers 89, Raptors 86

TORONTO — Peterson 2-8 2-2 8, Bosh 5-12 3-6 13, Woods 1-2 2-2 4, Rose 9-17 5-5 23, Al-ston 3-9 2-2 11, Marshall 3-6 1-2 9, Bonner 4-6 2-2 10, Murray 1-6 1-1 3, Palacio 2-7 1-3 5. To-tals 30-73 19-25 86.

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#### Knicks 113, 76ers 107 (OT)

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#### Trail Blazers 100, Hawks 84

PORTLAND — Miles 10-13 0-0 20, Randolph 8-14 7-10 23, Ratliff 3-5 3-4 9, Van Exel 3-9 0-0 6, D.Anderson 5-11 2-2 15, Stoudamire 5-5 0-0 10, Patterson 1-4 1-43, Przybilla 4-5-0 0-8, Out-law 1-3 0-0 2, Telfair 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 41-71

10, Patterson 1-4.1-4.3, Przybilla 4-5-0-98, Out-law 1-3-0-2, Felfalir 1: 2-2-4, Totals 4:1-1 15-22 100. Harrington 4-11.2-5 10, Walker 4-16.613, Collier 2-5-0-4, Dainy 1-10-0-2, J.Smith 6-11, 2-5 14, Drobnjak 1-7-5-67, Ivey 1-31-23, Childres 2-5-13-12, Delke 1-310-013, K.Anderson 5-9 1-113, Willis 0-0-0-0, Totals 32-89 16-278 Portland 4tlanta 1-4 25-25-20-18

Heat 107, Nuggets 100

DENVER — Martin 9-18 3-4 21, Anthony 6-13 1-1 14, Camby 4-9 0-0 8, Buckner 3-3 0-0 7, Mill-er 10-19 4-5 24, Boykins 4-11 1-1 11, Nene 1-6 3-4 5, White 0-1 0-0 0, Russell 2-4 4-4 10, Elson 0-0 0-0 0, D.Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-84 16-19 100.

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#### Nets 89, Grizzlies 84

NEW JERSEY – Jefferson 8-19-8-26, Scala-brine 9-15-3-5-21, Collins 1-4-2-2-4, Kidd 7-13-0-1-17, Buford 3-14-0-0-7, Vaughn 2-5-1-1-5, Dickens 0-2-0-0-0, Krstic 2-6-0-0-4. Totals 32-78-14-17-84. 32-78 14-17 84. MEMPHIS — Posey 3-8 6-6 13, Gasol 6-12 4-6 16, Wright 1-6 1-2 3, J.Williams 9-14 4-4 27, Miller 4-15 2-2 12, Swift 0-1 0-0 0, Watson 1-3 1-2 3, Wells 3-8 2-2 8, Humphrey 3-5 1-3 7, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-72 21-27 89.

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#### Spurs 83. Hornets 67

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#### T-wolves 113, Clippers 86

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MINNESOTA — Szczerbiak 9-16 9-9 29, Garnett 8-12 11-13 28, Madsen 2-5 1-25, Sprewell 1-10-0 2, Cassell 5-110-0 11, Inssell 1-4 3-45, Olowokandi 1-4 0-0 2, Hudson 3-11 0-07, Hoberg 2-23-38, Griffin 6-110-0 13, Johnson 0-12-42, Carter 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 38-78-30-37 113.

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#### Rockets 100, Warriors 83

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### Suns 112, SuperSonics 110

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#### Wizards 120, Lakers 116 (OT)

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### 第3種郵便物認可 Looking to rebuild, Nets acquire Carter

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - After dismantling the team in the summer and aggravating Jason Kidd, the New Jersey Nets began the job of rebuilding as well as repairing their relationship with their best

player. They started by acquiring five-time All-Star Vince Carter from the Toronto Raptors on Friday for center Alonzo Mourning, forwards Aaron Williams and Eric Williams, and two first-round draft picks.

While Kidd said Carter can "change the look of not just the franchise, but the game," the Nets' star guard did not seem overjoyed with the deal.

"Business always gets in the way of bas-ketball," he said. "My job is to go out there and perform on the court and get some

Nets owner Bruce Ratner was a little more excited

"Vince provides an immediate impact and gives our fans an electrifying team to watch every night," Ratner said. "Most importantly, we are committed to winning."



Jason Kidd, left, and Vince Carter are now playing for the same team after the New Jersey Nets acquired Carter from Toronto.

There were many who doubted that after the Nets sent All-Star forward Kenyon Martin to Denver in what was seen as a cost-saving move by the team's new owners. Shooting guard Kerry Kittles later was traded to the Clippers and well-liked Lucious Harris was released

Kidd wasn't happy about those developments, but conceded the Nets are trying to

"You don't worry about what happened in the past," he said after Friday's 89-84 loss at Memphis. "That's what the Nets are trying to do, and I'm trying to do the same

Martin, Kittles and Harris were key members of a team that went to the NBA Finals in 2002 and '03.

The moves not only decimated the team, they left Kidd hoping to be traded. Carter and Richard Jefferson playing his

wings might soften that approach, but Kidd wouldn't speculate on his future. "I'm a Net until told otherwise," he said.

Coach Lawrence Frank was delighted to have Carter on his bench.

"He's one of those guys when his team gets the ball in his hands at the end of the game, as an opposing coach, it makes you nervous because he can get wherever he wants on the floor." Frank said.

The trade essentially sends three players over 30 to Canada for a 27-year-old who is among the league's best when healthy. Carter, whose contract runs through the

2008 season, and Williams must pass physicals for the deal to become official. They have 48 hours to report to their new teams.

Mourning, who had a kidney transplant in December, does not have to pass a physical. Thorn isn't sure whether Mourning will report to the Raptors, but the deal is not contingent on that.

Carter comes to the Nets with career averages of 24.3 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.9 as sists, 1.33 steals and 1.03 blocks in 403 games over seven NBA seasons.

Carter, who was in Indianapolis, was excited about the deal, said Thorn, adding the swingman probably won't play until Tuesday in Charlotte. Carter has been out with a strained left Achilles' tendon.

Thorn said the Nets still have a long way to go to make the playoffs, but that if they make the postseason they would be a formi-

"I think it's a statement from ownership that they are willing to spend on a quality player," he said. "We are not here to wait three or four years and hope our draft choices pan out.

The two first-round draft picks the Nets sent to Toronto were acquired in the Martin deal. They were Philadelphia's first-round pick in 2005 and Denver's first round pick in 2006.

### Knicks rally to top 76ers in OT

PHILADELPHIA -\_ Allan Houston would rather be taking the clutch shots than thinking about them. After missing most of the season coming back from an injury, Houston made one of the biggest baskets yet for New Vork

"Sitting around watching, you picture yourself making big shots," he said.

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Houston hit the tying three-pointer with 0.4 seconds left in regula-

tion. Kurt Thomas scored six points in overtime, and the New York Knicks rallied from a 19-point deficit to beat the Phila delphia 76ers 113-107 on Friday night

"Allan Houston's shot is money. That's why we got him the ball," Thomas said.

Thomas opened overtime with a basket, and the Sixers never led again. Jerome Williams had a three-point play, and Thomas and Jamaal Crawford sealed the win with four free throws in the final 22 seconds

Stephon Marbury led the Knicks with 27 points, Houston had 15, Williams 13, and Thomas 14 points and 11 rebounds. Kenny Thomas scored a sea

son-high 26 points, and Allen Iverson had 24 for Philadelphia, which had a three-game winning streak snapped. "We just collapsed. It's as sim-

ple as that," Iverson said. After playing only six minutes

in the first three quarters, Jerome Williams played the entire fourth quarter and scored eight points. Stephon Marbury scored 10 points in the fourth.

Pacers 89. Raptors 86: At In-

scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half to lead Indiana.

Rookie center David Harrison added a career-high 22 points and had seven rebounds, and Jeff Foster had 10 points and 18 rebounds for the Pacers, who won their second straight after a seven-game losing streak.

Grizzlies 89, Nets 84: Jason Williams had a season-high 27 points and six assists to lead host Memphis over short-handed New Jersey

Richard Jefferson, who had 18 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter, got the Nets within 85-84 with 16 seconds left when he followed Jason Kidd's missed layup. But four free throws by James Posey in the final 12 sec-onds sealed Memphis' victory.

Trail Blazers 100, Hawks 84: At Atlanta, Zach Randolph scored 23 points and Darius Miles added 20 to lead Portland past Atlanta.

Derek Anderson added 15 points for Portland, which broke a two-game losing streak.

Celtics 114, Jazz 106: Gary Payton scored a season-high 27 points and added 11 assists to lift the host Celtics.

The Celtics hit 56 percent of their shots to take a 58-40 lead at halftime and stretched that to as much as 21 leading 84-63 on two free throws by Marcus Banks with 1:36 left in the third quarter. The closest Utah came after that was eight points, the first time on Carlos Boozer's lavup with 3:56 to play that made it

Timberwolves 113, Clippers 86: At Minneapolis, Wally Szcz erbiak scored a season-high 29 points, including 11 in the third quarter.

quick points in the first two minutes of the third quarter, part of an 11-1 run that gave the Timberwolves a 58-43 lead. Minnesota stretched its lead throughout the fourth and cruised to its largest margin of victory this season.

Spurs 83, Hornets 67: At New Orleans, Tim Duncan had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead San Antonio to its third straight victory and 11th win in

Rookie Beno Udrih scored 12 points in 18 minutes, and Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker each added 10 points for the Spurs. Robert Horry hit three Robert Horry hit three three-pointers during a key run in the second half, helping San Antonio extend its lead to double

Rockets 100, Warriors 83: Tracy McGrady had 27 points and nine rebounds, and Yao Ming added 15 points and a season-high 17 rebounds. Bob Sura just missed his third career triple-double with 24 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for host Houston, and sat out much of the fourth quarter with the Rockets leading by as many as

Heat 107, Nuggets 100: Dwyane Wade scored 25 points, and Shaquille O'Neal had 20 to help Miami win its seventh straight.

The defeat was doubly tough for the visiting Nuggets, who lost forward Carmelo Anthony to a sprained left ankle

Wizards 120, Lakers 116 (OT): At Los Angeles, Gilbert Arenas scored 37 points, Larry Hughes had 31, and Washington won for the first time on the Lakers' floor in almost 12 years.

The Wizards overcame a 36-point, 14-assist, 10-rebound performance by Kobe Bryant.

#### Mavs' fans donate seats to troops

The Associated Press

DALLAS - About 140 U.S. soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan were to sit courtside at a Dallas Mavericks game Saturday night, thanks to season-ticket holders who offered their seats in a show of gratitude. "It's a small

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way for me to show some appreciation for what they've done for ticket holder Jim Leslie said. "I still don't think

it's enough

The soldiers from Brooke Army Medical Center near San Antonio will fly to Dallas - on a chartered jet donated by American Airlines — to see the Maver-icks play the Atlanta Hawks. They will be treated to free food and drink and have their pictures taken with Mavericks players.

Team owner Mark Cuban said

in an e-mail: "This is a chance for these servicemen and women to feel the admiration and respect of 20,000 people, reinforcing for them that we as a nation feel grateful for what they have done for us.

#### Snow suspended one game

CLEVELAND -Cavaliers backup point guard Eric Snow was suspended for one game without pay for his sideline confrontation with Cleveland coach Paul Silas during Thursday night's loss in Detroit Snow will sit out Saturday

night's game against the Boston Celtics. The suspension will cost him one game's paycheck, about

On Thursday, Snow was upset when Silas pulled him from the game in the second quarter after a turnover on an eight-second call and he cursed while walking to Cleveland's bench

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### **Agent: Clement, Boston reach 3-year deal**

BOSTON - Right-hander Matt Clement and the Boston Red Sox are closing in on a three-year contract worth \$25 million, according to the nitcher's agent

The defending World Series champions targeted the hard-throwing free agent after losing Pedro Martinez to the New



York Mets. "A very important issue with Matt was being with a team that has a very good chance of being in the postseason for all three years,

Clement's agent, Barry Axelrod, told The

Associated Press on Saturday.

"It's in essence all done," he added A Red Sox spokesman did not return a calls from The Associated Press. The team usually does not comment until the player passes a physical, which Axelrod said

could take place early next week. Clement was 9-13 with a 3.68 ERA and 190 strikeouts in 181 innings last season with the Chicago Cubs. The 30-year-old Clement is 69-75 with a 4.34 ERA in his career with the San Diego Padres, Florida Marlins and Cubs.

Clement was being sought by several teams after Martinez went to the Mets, Carl Pavano signed with the New York Yankees, and Tim Hudson was traded to the Atlanta Braves.

The Red Sox had laid the groundwork for the deal with Clement in case Martinez left. Axelrod said.

"They were in it all along (but) it heated up with Boston after Pedro went to the Mets," Axelrod said. "They were prepared for it. It wasn't panic mode or anything like that. They were consistently in the mix Martinez signed a four-year, \$53 million deal with the Mets, leaving the Red Sox

after seven seasons. The Red Sox on Wednesday signed left-hander David Wells to a two-year, \$8 million contract that would be worth \$18 million if he reaches all his incentives. The team has shown little interest in re-signing free agent pitcher Derek Lowe.

#### D.C. officials meeting to save team

WASHINGTON - Two prominent politicians who will have a significant say in whether the Expos move to the nation's capital plan to meet Monday to try to save the suddenly wobbly deal.

Mayor Anthony Williams will meet with Linda Cropp, chair of the District of Columhis Council who earlier this week introduced an amendment that could endanger

The proposed move hinges on the city having a stadium financing package accept able to major league baseball in place by Dec 31

Cropp's amendment to the mayor's stadium financing plan requires that at least half the stadium funding come from a prinair the stadium runding come from a pri-vate source. The amendment was ap-proved late Tuesday night.

Major League Baseball, calling the amendment "wholly unacceptable," re-

sponded to the adoption of Cropp's provision by shutting down the team's business and promotional operations.

Williams and Cropp will meet Monday at Cropp's request, her spokesman, Mark Johnson, confirmed Friday. Cropp has asked for a meeting with major league offi-cials "as soon as possible," Johnson said.

Several private financiers have pitched funding schemes that could pay for as much as the full cost of building the stadium, city officials said.

MIAMI - Free-agent reliever Antonio Alfonseca signed a one-year contract Friday to rejoin his former team, the Florida Marlins who revised their offer when a routine physical disclosed a herniated disc

in the right-hander's back.

Alfonseca will receive the league minimum \$300,000 and can earn an additional \$1.7 million in incentives, said his agent, Juan Iglesias. The deal includes an option for a second year for Alfonseca if he pitches in 65 games next season.

Alfonseca's 2001 season was ended by ck surgery, but he was healthy in 2004

Last season, Alfonseca appeared in a career-high 79 games for Atlanta and had a career-best ERA of 2.57. He pitched for Florida from 1997 to 2001.

#### Perez signs one-year contract CHICAGO - The Chicago White Soy

agreed to terms with outfielder Timo Perez on a \$1 million, one-year deal Fri-

day, avoiding arbitration.

Perez hit .246 with five homers and 40 RBIs last season, his first with the White Sox after being acquired from the New York Mets on March 27. The left-hander hit .397 with runners in scoring position. He played 49 games in right field, 25 in center and 12 in left, and made 69 starts.

Perez has a career average of .269 with 23 homers and 154 RBIs in five seasons with the New York Mets and White Sox

#### Renteria officially joins Red Sox

BOSTON — Edgar Renteria passed a physical and signed a four-year contract with the Boston Red Sox on Friday, bringing the All-Star shortstop to the World Se ries champions

The Red Sox announced Renteria's re-

ported \$40 million deal at a news confer ence at Fenway Park.

Renteria's agreement includes a team option for 2009, when he will be 34

In nine seasons - three with Florida and six with St. Louis - Renteria has won two Gold Gloves and been on four All-Star

#### Martinez continues to lash out at Red Sox for not re-signing him

teams

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Repub-- Pedro Martinez returned home Friday and bashed the team he led to a World Series title. He knocked the Boston Red Sox for their front-office moves and negotiating tactics, and predicted a rough season awaits.

"They will field the best bad team in baseball history," Martinez said at a news conference Friday.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner said the Mets "have shown more respect in days than Boston did in seven years Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein

discounted the comments, calling the situation "a heat-of-the-moment type thing. I choose to look at the man, not one comment.

Red Sox principal owner John Henry said the club "offered Pedro exactly what he said it would take to sign him" when team officials visited Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Dec. 8.

"Our organization went out of our way to treat Pedro with the greatest respect over the past three years. I am surprised and very disappointed by the continuing nega-tive comments in that regard," Henry said Friday in an e-mail to The Associated

"Nevertheless, I wish him great success with the Mets.

### Teams still working out details of Johnson trade

BY BEN WALKER

NEW YORK - The megadeal involving Randy Johnson, Shawn Green and Javier Vazquez grew to 10 players Saturday, with the New York Yankees, Arizona Diamondbacks and Los Angeles Dodgers hoping to present the proposed trade to the commissioner's office soon for approval

Pitchers Kaz Ishii, Mike Koplo-

no matter what you drive

ve and Brandon Weeden are now part of the swap, a baseball official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The teams were aiming to put the whole deal down on paper this weekend and give it to the commissioner's office perhaps by Monday

The transaction requires permission because it involves more

than \$1 million. As it stands the Yankees would pay \$2 million of Ishii's contract

Plus, there might be a spinoff to the deal. There's speculation the Dodgers might get Vazquez from the Vankees and then trade the pitcher to the Chicago White Sox. Johnson remains the center-

piece of the trade, with the Yankees trying to get the five-time Cy Young winner from Arizona, New York also would acquire Ishii, a left-hander who went 13-8 with a 4.71 ERA last season for Los Angeles

Johnson has a no-trade clause. but wants to play for the Yankees Green also has a no-trade provision, and the Dodgers outfielder has not vet waived it to clear the way for him to move to Arizona.

The Diamondbacks might be able to get Green to come to the desert, though, since his former agent, Jeff Moorad, is Arizona's new chief executive officer.

"I think Shawn always envisioned finishing his career with the Dodgers," agent Greg Genske said. "But if a trade is put in place, he's going to consider all of his options

If the deal goes to the commissioner's office, the Yankees plan to ask for a 72-hour window to negotiate a contract extension with Johnson. The 41-year-old lefty is owed \$16 million in the last year of his contract.

Green might use that same time frame to see if he can work an extension with the Diamondbacks. He is set to make \$16 million in 2005, after slumping this past season to .266 with 28 home runs and 86 RBIs

Both the Diamondbacks and Dodgers would receive four players in the trade, while the Yankees would get a pair of pitchers. Koplove, who went 4-4 with a

4.05 ERA in 76 relief appearances with Arizona, would go to Los Angeles with Vazquez. The Dodgers also would get two top prospects from the Yankees, catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman Eric Duncan

Arizona would wind up with Green and pitchers Brad Penny, Yhency Brazoban and Weeden. All of them played in the Dodgers' system last season.

Weeden was the Yankees' top draft pick in 2002 and was traded to Los Angeles with Jeff Weaver in last winter's trade that sent Kevin Brown to New York.

The Dodgers had a couple of things to clear up, too.

After losing free agents Adrian Beltre and Steve Finley, Los Angeles might be reluctant to trade away its lone remaining power hitter. Plus, there's a money matter: Vazquez is due \$35.5 million over the next three years and the Dodgers might want the Yankees to pick up some of that cost.

Johnson was 16-14, a record skewed by playing for a team that could not score runs and lost 111 games. He led the majors with 290 strikeouts, was second with a 2.60 ERA and pitched a perfect game against Atlanta.



Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson was waiting to find out whether he'll be staying in Arizona or moving to New York.

Vazquez. 28. was an All-Star in his first season since being traded from Montreal to the Yankees. He was 14-10 with a 4.91 ERA. but had a 953 ERA in three games in the postseason

Penny, 26, was traded from Florida to Los Angeles on July 30, but saw limited action for Los Angeles because of a problem in his right arm. He was 9-10 with a 3.15 ERA for both clubs.

Brazoban, 24, made his major league debut this season with Dodgers, going 6-2 with a 2.48



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### **Kentucky rally shocks Louisville**

#### Wildcats overcome poor play, 16-point deficit; Wake, Arizona win with late baskets

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Patrick Sparks sank three free throws with less than a second left to cap his 25-point performance and complete ninth-ranked Ken-tucky's big comeback for a 60-58 victory over No. 13 Louisville and coach Rick Pitino on Saturday

The Wildcats (7-1), who trailed 32-16 at halftime, were down 58-57 after Larry O'Bannon hit two free throws for Louisville

with 15.2 seconds to go.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith called timeout with 4.8 seconds



left to set up the decisive play Sparks inbounded the ball, then received a pass in the corner He numn-faked. then jumped to

shoot a three-pointer and was fouled by Louisville forward Ellis Myles

The huzzer sounded an instant

After official J.B. Caldwell and referee Gerald Bondreaux checked a TV replay, Sparks stepped to the free-throw line with 0.6 seconds on the clock

Sparks, a 71 percent career shooter from the line, cooly swished all three shots. O'Bannon's desperation heave from half-court wasn't close, and the Wildcats snapped a two-game los ing streak to their archrivals and former coach Pitino

Pitino coached Kentucky from 1989 through 1997, winning the 1996 NCAA championship. After a stint with the NBA's Boston Celtics, he took over at Louisville in

2001 O'Bannon scored 16 to lead Louisville (6-2).

The Cardinals' defense dominated the game until Sparks carried the Cats back in the final five minutes.

The Western Kentucky transfer hit his fifth three-pointer with 4:45 left and converted a three-point play with 2:55 remaining to shrink a 10-point deficit to four. Little-used walk-on Ravi



Kentucky's Patrick Sparks sinks the last of three free throws with 0.6 seconds remaining as the Wildcats came back to beat Louisville 60-58.

Moss drew Kentucky to within one with a three-pointer from the

corner with 2:07 to play. Two free throws by Kelenna Azubuike gave Kentucky a 55-54 lead its first since the score was 5-4

The Cardinals went four minutes without a basket until Francisco Garcia banked in a drive with 54 seconds left. Azubuike an-

swered with a layup 20 seconds

Louisville

later to put Kentucky up 57-56. O'Bannon drew a blocking foul call with 15 seconds left, and Smith protested by pounding the

scorer's table and nearly falling down as he stomped the floor. But Sparks had the answer. handing Pitino only his second December loss in four seasons at

Louisville shut down Kentucky's offense early with a sticky, trapping zone defense. The Cardinals went on an 11-0 during Kentucky's eight-minute scoring drought.

The Cardinals — with no active player taller than 6-foot-8 — dominated the taller Wildcats inside in the first half, outscoring them 18-6 and outrebounding them 22-13. The flustered Wildcats missed 19 of 24 shots from the field (21 percent) in the first 20 minutes

Louisville freshman Juan Palacios, who had 11 points in the first half, went to the bench with 17:16 left in the game when he was poked in the left eye going for a rebound. He did not return

After Palacios departed, the Cardinals allowed Kentucky to stay close with sloppy play of their own. Sparks sank two three-pointers after consecutive Louisville turnovers to draw the Cats within 48-44 with just under seven minutes remaining.

No. 6 Wake Forest 89, No. 14 Texas 88: At Winston-Salem, N.C., sophomore Chris Paul had 23 points and a career-high 12 assists and Eric Williams added 19 points for Wake Forest (9-1). Kenton Paulino missed an 18-foot jumper just before the buzzer that would have won it for the Longhorns (7-2).

Vytas Danelius, banished to the bench in the previous game, gave the Demon Deacons the lead for good with a reverse layup in traffic with about 31/2 minutes left. The hosts made six of eight free throws down the stretch to seal it.

P.J. Tucker led the Longhorns with 27 points and 13 rebounds and Brad Buckman finished with

Paul hit two layups to give Wake Forest a 77-76 lead.

Four straight points, capped by Tucker's layup, gave Texas an 80-77 lead. A dunk by Williams cut it to one, setting the stage for Danelius' layup.

No. 15 Arizona 48, Marquette 43: At Milwaukee, Arizona, with leading scorer Salim Stoudamire benched, relied on Chris Rodgers' 16 points and key late layup.

Arizona coach Lute Olson didn't say why he sat Stoudamire, who was coming off a career-low one field-goal attempt in a 67-62 win over Utah last week. It was Stoudamire's third scoreless game in the 101 he's played at Ari-

Neither team scored much Saturday, combining for only three field goals over the last nine minutes. Arizona (7-2) hadn't been held to so few points since a 50-41 loss to Alabama in the 1985 NCAA tournament

Rodgers' crucial layup came in the final minute when he blew past Steve Novak into an open lane. Hassan Adams added 14 points for the visitors, including two free throws with 4.1 seconds

19 George Washington 85, Towson 69: At Washington, D.C., Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 15 points and Ricky Lucas added 13 of his season-high 14 points in the second half as George Washington (7-1) won its seventh straight.

Omar Williams scored 10 of his 12 points in the first 10 minutes of the second half, and finished with eight rehounds

Lawrence Hamm led Towson (3-7) with 18 points

No. 21 Michigan St. 63, Delaware St. 45: At East Lansing. Mich., Chris Hill had 14 points, including four three-pointers, helping Michigan State (6-2) get by Delaware State (2-6)

Kelvin Torbert added 12 points and Shannon Brown had 10 for the sluggish Spartans, who struggled after last Saturday's 25-point victory over Stanford.

Jahsha Bluntt had 11 points for the Hornets

Michigan State was trailing 22-17 late in the first half when Hill scored five points to key a 12-0 run that included the final seven points of the half and the first five of a 10-3 run after the

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#### 16 teams expected for Taegu Christmas tournament

Stars and Stripes

CAMP WALKER, South Korea As many as 16 teams are ex-pected to take part in next week's Taegu Post-Level Christmas Basketball Tournaments, including Army teams throughout Korea and Taegu American School's

Tournament director Darryl Chandler announced the dates as Dec. 26-29, at the Kelly Fitness and Sports Center on Camp Walker and Taegu American School's gym on Camp George.

Taegu, Camps Humphreys, Carroll, Walker, Red Cloud and Casey men's teams have indicated interest, as have Suwon Air Base and Yongsan Garrison, The women's field should feature Suwon, Yongsan, Carroll, Casey, Humphreys and Taegu Ameri-

Entry fee is \$100. Entry deadline is Monday. For information, contact Chandler at DSN contact Chandler at 764-4848 or e-mail dlerd@korea.army.mil.

### Something for everybody in Osan

### Players drawn to hoop invitational for different reasons

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Strines OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea There was a little something to

be had for everybody playing on the first day of the 2004 Osan Pacificwide Open Holiday Basketball Tournament. One undermanned team, Spot-

light of Okinawa, overcame mountainous odds. One underdog, Seoul American High School's girls team, learned valuable lessons in a one-point loss.

Others looked to the 15-team, six-day open tournament as a possible launching pad for a shot to play higher-level basketball. All three high school teams saw it as a chance to gain valuable experience.

There were even a couple of homecomings, of sorts, for former Pacific high school stars now toiling for post-level teams. For Spotlight, putting a team on

the court was considered miraculous, as eight of its 13 players were left on Okinawa because of duty commitments.

Yet there it was taking a late six-point lead, then hanging on to edge Korea's Kunsan Wolf Pack

"It was a gut-check time for five guys who really wanted to play," point guard Howard Reed said. "We knew the odds were against us. So, the plan was to just come here, have fun and play

For Seoul American's girls, the idea was to gain as much experience as they could, figuring they would likely be outmanned and outgunned by bigger, faster and more physical women.

But against the Camp Humphreys Bulldogs, the Falcons engaged in a see-saw hattle that featured 12 lead changes and 12 ties before Nieasha Wingster's backdoor layup with 38 seconds left gave Humphreys the victory.

That's a mighty good team," Bulldogs coach Douglas Clarks said, adding that he was im-



DAVE ORNALIER/Stars and Strines

Brett Thomas (53) of the Camp Humphreys Bulldogs goes up for a dunk against the Osan Defenders during Saturday's round-robin play in the Osan Pacificwide Open Holiday Basketball Tournament at Osan Air Base. South Korea. Osan won 73-68.

pressed with the Falcons' Janel Daniels, who had 34 points. "She has unlimited potential. She should be playing college ball or for a base team."

Falcons coach Charlotte Hicks called the experience "more than she bargained for," but could not have been happier that her team went through the crucible of a tight contest.

"KAIAC [Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conferencel doesn't give us the competition we need. But they've been there now," Hicks said of her play-ers handling a tight battle. "This was a close game. We earned a little respect out there.

"It's not about winning and losing, but about growing as a team," Falcons boys coach Steve Boyd said of the reasons Seoul



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Quinton Smith (21) of the Osan Defenders goes up for a layup during his team's 73-68 victory Saturday over Camp Humphreys ment. "Whenever we take the court, it makes us better players individually and a better team collectively."

It also makes better individual players of a number of hopefuls who someday would like to join the likes of Yongsan Runnin' Rebels guard Ronald Bartley among the All-Armed Forces ranks

Bartley is just two weeks removed from leading the All-Armed Forces team to a gold medal in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe tournament against 41 other teams. Tournaments such as Osan can help launch similar careers. Bart ley said.

"You play in these tourna-ments, you get an MVP, an all-tournament selection, these are things you put on your applica-tion for [an All-Service tryout] camp," Bartley said.

"These tournaments help out a lot. You're playing All-Air Force, All-Army, All-Marine players and you see where your game is

For still others, the tournament provided a chance to continue what they began on the Pacific high school courts.

Jessica Hagmaier, Osan American Class of 2003, played in the Osan tournament two years ago for the Cougars and is now playing post for the Osan Defenders base team, which beat Seoul American 65-45. She was the center on Osan's 2003 Far East Girls Class A runner-up team.

Former Class A boys MVP A.J. Scott, on seasonal holiday from Boise State, donned the uniform of his old Cougars team, but had less success than did Hagmaier. as Osan American fell 110-44 to Korea's Vongsan Runnin' Rebels

Another former Pacific prep player, Sanna Lopez of Korea's Camp Humphreys Bulldogs, is an Army specialist who grew up as a Navy dependent in Santa Rita, Guam. She played for Southern and Oceanview High Schools in Far East Class AA Tournaments from 1995-98 in Japan and Okina

"It's ironic that I'm back, play-ing Pacificwide ball again," she

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Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger improved to 12-0 as an NFL starter, completing 18 of 28 passes for 316 yards, with one touchdown pass and two interceptions in a 33-30 victory over the Giants.

### Steelers extend win streak to 12

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -Eli Manning's best game as a pro wasn't enough to stop Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steel-

Roethlisberger threw for a career-best 316 yards and hit four straight passes to set up Jerome Bettis' game-winning 1-yard touchdown run with 4:57 to go. leading the Steelers to a 33-30 win over the New York Giants on

Saturday Pittsburgh has won team-record 12 straight since Roethlisberger became the starter.

The 11th overall pick in the draft hit five passes of 34 or more vards in a much-hyped matchup with fellow rookie Manning.

The first pick in the draft bounced back from back-to-back horrible performances for the Giants to throw two touchdowns lead four scoring drives against the league's top-ranked defense

It wasn't enough to prevent the Giants (5-9) from losing their seventh in a row and allowing the Steelers (13-1) to inch closer to gaining home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs.

Antwaan Randle El. who had five catches for 149 yards, caught a 35-yard touchdown pass and threw his first career TD with a 10-yard shovel pass to Verron Haynes

Jeff Reed kicked four field goals. Hines Ward had nine catches for 134 yards and Bettis ran for 140 vards in what turned out to be a test for the Steelers.

Manning, who was 16 of 23 for 182 yards, threw touchdown passes of 2 yards to Jeremy Shockey and 1 yard to Marcellus Rivers. He also hit Amani Toomer with two 17-yard passes and he added a 15-varder to lke Hilliard to set up a 1-vard TD run by Tiki Barber that gave New York a 30-26 lead with 8:15 to go.

Manning was sacked on a two-point conversion attempt. Roethlisberger, who was 18 of 28 with two interceptions, and the Steelers took over on the next pos-



had his best game as a pro on Saturday, going 16 of 23 for 182 yards, two touchdowns and one interception for the Giants.

session at their own 33. They needed seven plays to get the go-ahead score. Roethlisberger sandwiched passes of 9 and 11 yards to Ward around a dump off to Bettis before hitting Randle El for 36 yards to the Giants 8. Three straight runs by Bettis got the ball

the Steelers ran out the clock

Giants receiver Willie Ponder took the opening kickoff 91 yards for a score, the Giants' first game-opening kickoff return for a touchdown in a regular-season home game in their 80-year history. Ron Dixon had one at Giants Stadium in a playoff game against

The Steelers used trickery to tie the game. On third and 7 from the Giants 10, Roethlisberger took a shotgun snap and lateraled to Randle El, who threw a shovel pass to Haynes for a walk-in

Manning, who had led the Gi ants to only one touchdown in 45 possessions since replacing Kurt Warner at quarterback, hit Shockey for a TD on the next series.

A 39-yard pass from Roethlisberger to Randle El set up a 33-yard field goal by Reed in the closing seconds of the quarter. He also had field goals of 21, 36 and 28 yards.

### Top overall draft pick Eli Manning

in the end zone.

Willie Williams picked off a deep throw intended for Toomer. who fell, on the next series and

Philadelphia in the 2000 season.

touchdown.

### With LSU's Saban the front-runner, **Dolphins will interview minorities**

BY JASON COLE The Miami Herald

MIAMI - Despite rumors that the Dolphins are slowing the nego-tiating process with LSU coach Nick Saban, the talks continued to progress, and an offer is expected

Speculation that the Dolphins would slow the process is based on increasing pressure to follow league rules by interviewing a minority candidate.

"The league is watching what's going on there," said John Wooten, chairman of the Fritz Pollard Association. The Pollard group pushed the league for what is known as the Roonev Rule. The rule requires teams to interview at least one qualified minority candidate for the head coach position

If the Dolphins are looking for a qualified minority candidate, they need only call the NFL office in New York and ask for Art Shell

On Friday, Shell said he would be interested in meeting with the Dolphins despite the obvious strong standing of Saban in the Dolphins' eyes.

Shell is the NFL's vice presi-

dent of football operations. He also is a Hall of Fame offensive tackle, former head coach with the Raiders and longtime NFL assistant coach.

"If you have ever been a head coach, you want the chance to do that again," said Shell, who comniled a 56-41 record with the Raiders from 1989-94. "If the Dolphins have an interest in me, I would be interested in talking to them."

Shell, 58, said he wasn't concerned about strong speculation that Saban is Miami's top choice. In 2003, the Lions had several minority coaches turn down re-

quests for interviews when it was apparent Detroit would hire Steve Mariucci. Ultimately, Lions president Matt Millen was fined \$250,000

for violating the Rooney Rule. "I can't be concerned with what they're doing with Nick Saban. If you have an opportunity to get in front of a team and tell them about yourself, you need to do it. Shell said. "The Dolphins are a

first-class organization, a great situation for any coach to consider.' Even if the situation doesn't seem particularly open. On Friday, word spread through the Dolphins offices that the process might take a while, flying in the face of conventional logic about Saban and the situation at LSU

One report indicated that the Dolphins might wait until January to make an offer to Saban. at seems highly unlikely, two sources said.

"That's what they're saying around here, but don't believe a word of it," a Dolphins source said. "They're making it sound like it's a legitimate search, but it's clear what they're doing. They're just feeling some heat from the league.

They want Saban, and that's that " Said another NFL source:

"Saban is their guy. The rest of this stuff is all a smoke screen." The Dolphins interviewed Saban on Tuesday night and were

expected to begin negotiating fi-nancial terms and responsibilities this weekend. The Dolphins have inquired about Baltimore consultant and former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel and Baltimore defen-

sive coordinator Mike Nolan.

#### Two Redskins fined \$10,000 for socks; Plummer's obscene gesture costs \$5,000

ASHBURN, Va. - Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis and safety Sean Taylor had



their fines for wearing red socks doubled this week to \$10,000.

Portis and Taylor were fined \$5,000 apiece last week for wearing red socks instead of the standard white in the Redskins' victory over the New York Giants. They wore them again in Sunday's game against Philadelphia, and on Friday the league punished each with a \$10,000 fines for violating uni-

form rules. Portis harshly criticized the fines earlier this week.

"I think that is a stupid fine for the simple fact that they want ev-erybody to be the same," Portis said Wednesday. "This is an individual game, you know. That is the thing that has the league being the No. 1 sport, because different personalities come together as

one and people enjoyed that." Taylor was fined an additional \$10,000 for an out-of-bounds hit that knocked Eagles receiver Terrell Owens into a cheerleader.

#### Plummer fined for obscene gesture toward fan

DENVER — Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer was fined \$5,000 by the NFL on Friday for making an obscene gesture during last week's game Plummer and coach Mike Sha

nahan refused comment. Plummer apologized after the game, then during interviews Wednesday admitted he wasn't perfect and promised he'd never make the same mistake.

"I'm not a robot. I'm a man that has warm blood and sometimes it gets hot in there running through my veins," Plummer said.

"As long as you can learn a lesson from it and stand up and be a man about what your actions were and move on, that's the true lesson you learn from it."

Titans RB Brown out Sunday

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Running back Chris Brown will not play Sunday against the Oakland Raiders because of a turf toe injury

#### Pats CB Poole out for season

FOXBORO Mass - Cornerback Tyrone Poole is done for the season after the New England Patriots put him on injured reserve with a knee injury.



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### **James Madison wins** first Div. I-AA title

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. James Madison coach Mickey Matthews saw that Montana had problems



against run, and the Dukes exploited it to win their first Division T-AA

championship.

Maurice Fenner and quarterback Justin Rascati ran for two touchdowns apiece in a 31-21 victory over Montana on Friday night.

The Dukes (13-2) rushed for 314 yards.

Fenner ran 29 times for 164 vards, and Rascati carried 11 times for 57 yards and completed 13 of 18 passes for 132 yards

The Dukes took the lead for good after Fenner scored from 1 vard in the third quarter, and Rascati sealed it with a 6-yard TD run in the fourth.

The Dukes were the first team to reach the I-AA title game by winning all three playoff games on the road, advancing past the second round for the first time. The two-time champion Griztitle game and led by Colorado transfer quarterback Craig Ochs, took a 21-17 lead in the third quarter, but couldn't stop James Madison's rushing attack.

#### **Division III**

Linfield 28, Mary Hardin-Bay-lor 21: At Salem, Va., Riley Jenkins turned a swing pass into a go-shead touchdown with 5:51 to play Saturday as Linfield won its first NCAA Division III national championship by beating Mary Hardin-Baylor (13-2).

The 10-yard score came one play after Zach Fleming's rush disrupted Crusaders punter Hunter Hamrick, causing him to fumble and fall on the ball on his 10.

One play later, Brett Elliott hit Jenkins out of the backfield. Jenkins made a one-handed grab. eluded two defenders down the sideline and dove into the end zone, capping a perfect season for the Wildcats (13-0)

Elliott finished 20-for-34 for 282 yards with two interceptions and two TD passes. The Utah transfer finished with an NCAA-record 61 TD passes



James Madison's Maurice Fenner (32) rushed for 164 yards and two touchdowns as the Dukes defeated Montana 31-21 for the Division I-AA championship Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Carroll 15, St. Francis 13: In Savannah, Tenn., Marcus Miller kicked a 32-yard field goal with 10 seconds left to give Carroll its third straight NAIA title.

Chris Bramell gave St. Francis (13-1) a 13-12 lead with a 1-yard touchdown plunge with 1:13 left to complete a 17-play, 89-yard drive, but quarterback Tyler Em-mert drove Carroll (12-2) downfield without a timeout. Emmert was 3-for-4 for 49 vards and had an 11-vard run in the drive

### Troops in Iraq watch Kentucky-Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Troops at Camp Fallujah and Camp Cooke in Iraq were able to watch Saturday's telecast of the annual basketball game between Kentucky and Louisville.

'Anything we can do to entertain or distract them in any small way is awesome," said Louisville coach Rick Piting whose No. 13 Cardinals lost 60-58 to No. 9 Ken-

tucky. Inside Freedom Hall, fans could see and hear the troops on the arena's video board. Gov. Ernie Fletcher led the crowd in wishing the troops a merry Christ-

About 20 families were reunited by a program called "Freedom Calls." Through interactive technology — arranged by Kentucky TeleHealth Network — family members were able to have a private video conference with the soldiers before and after the game, which was shown on ESPN.

Family members stood on the court with players during the national anthem. In Iraq, the sol-diers stood at attention for "The Star-Spangled Banner.

Web cameras and e-mail have made communication easier with loved ones in Iraq. But this added a new element for the soldiers



more ersonal," Rachel Ratliff Pikeville of

who's married to Marine Lance Cpl. Paul Ratliff. "This is the first Christmas we've been separated.

#### Rauffer gives Germany first Alpine victory in 13 years

VAL GARDENA, Italy — Germany's Max Rauffer captured a downhill in strong wind Saturday for his first World Cup victory, a race in which all the favorites red poorly.

Rauffer covered the classic Saslong course in 1 minute, 50.59 seconds, giving the German men's team its first World Cup win in almost 13 years. Juerg Gruenenfelder of Switzerland finished 0.05 seconds behind for his first top-three finish. Up-and-com-ing Austrian Johann Grugger was third, 0.13 seconds back.

Overall World Cup leader Bode Miller blamed the difficult conditions for his 14th-place finish. The course was shortened slight ly because of the gusts.

The women's World Cup downhill scheduled for Saturday in Val D'Isere, France, was postponed by a snowstorm that could also cancel a race on Sunday.

### Irish: Willingham's firing called school's integrity into question

Already reeling from the Davie years. Notre Dame had been snubbed by Jon Gruden and Oregon coach Mike Bellotti. In came O'Leary, an Irish Catholic who had long dreamed of coaching at Notre Dame and promised to wake up the echoes, as the school's fight song says.

Later, White would say O'Leary was like "something out of central casting

But O'Leary wasn't quite what he seemed. He didn't have the master's degree in education that he claimed, nor had he played college football for three years. O'Leary quickly resigned, but it was humiliating nonetheless for Notre Dame So when the Irish struggled under Will-

ingham, a group of alumni sent a letter to the board of trustees, expressing concern about the direction of the football program.

"We weren't talking about two years of Tyrone Willingham, we were talking about 10 years," said Tim Kelley, a 1964 graduate and one of the authors of the letter, sent last January "Football is the emotional engine that

drives Notre Dame. We absolutely believe that," Kelley said. "It was going down the drain and people weren't doing anything about it

The alums got their wish — but at what price? In firing Willingham, the first black head coach at Notre Dame, the Irish essentially put a won-loss record ahead of integ

White didn't agree with the decision and had only high praise for Willingham, but he wasn't prepared to "break ranks" with university leaders. The Rev. Edward Malloy, Notre Dame's president, was pre-pared, saying he was "embarrassed" by the firing and hadn't supported it.

It didn't end there

Malloy's assistant shaved her head in protest, and T-shirts supporting Willingham were soon spotted around town. Dave Duerson, a former player and board of



Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz is carried off the field at Tempe, Ariz. on Jan. 2 1989, after his team defeated West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl to win the 1988 national championship. Notre Dame hasn't won a national title since.

trustees member, said the school had badly mishandled the dismissal, causing a major PR nightmare

Personnel decisions are always difficult, transitions are always difficult, and this is no different," said the Rev. John Jenkins, the incoming president.

Getting snubbed by their coach of choice

didn't help. Former Irish assistant Urban Meyer was expected to jump when Notre Dame beckoned with his dream job. But Meyer was already leaning toward Florida when Willingham was fired, and his meeting with Notre Dame officials turned out to be little more than a show of respect.

In another sign of how mortal the Irish have become, top candidates weren't lining up. One, Jeff Tedford, fell out of contention when he signed an extension at Cal a school whose defining moment in football history is a touchdown run through the Stanford band.

with a crisis of confidence.Notre Dame has already begun patching up its internal frac-

Jenkins and Malloy have closed ranks, often using the same words to answer the toughest questions. Jenkins is taking full blame for calling the meeting to fire Willingham, saving there was no "undue influence" from the board of trustees.

He also plays down questions of dissen sion, saying the differing opinions simply reflect the passion people have for Notre Dame. As for the school's integrity, Jenkins and Malloy point to Notre Dame's high graduation rate

99 percent overall for players who stay ast four years. While Jenkins did

apologize to the Faculty Board of Athletics Wednesday, ac cording to a copy of his speech obtained by the South Bend Tribune, he said the best way to move forward is to act as Notre Dame always has.

"Only in the sense of being what we are in the best way we

can, that's the only repair work we have to do." Jenkins said. "That's what we need to do to get people believing in us. I think people will respond positively to that.

Former coach Ara Parseghian, one of the most successful at Notre Dame, noted that the Irish have hit rough patches before - and have endured. Certainly, he said, the names Rockne,

the Gipper and the Four Horsemen come to mind as do 11 national championships But there were some pretty lean years under Faust and Joe Kuharich, too. When Parseghian took over in 1964, the Irish hadn't had a winning season in five years

"If you go back and read the newspapers ... you'll get exactly the same thing you're reading right now: It's too tough academically, the schedule is too tough, they can't get the good players," Parseghian said "I honestly believe they're due for an up

Weis has no interest in looking back.

He takes the job with no illusions either A 1978 graduate, he knows all too well the rigors of Notre Dame's academic standards

> two of his three Super Bowl rings as the New England Patriots' offensive coordinator, he doesn't care discuss tough schedules.

And after winning

"The people that complain about those things are looking for excuses," he said. "If I answered that any other way, what I would be doing is letting the players have a reason for or have an excuse for fail-

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As bleak as things looked the past two weeks, almost all will be forgiven if Weis whips together a season or two of that old For some, though, Notre Dame will

never be quite the same.

"If you're in the limelight, there are always going to be ups and downs because nobody's perfect," said the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, the school's president emeritus. For that reason, you will have ups and downs in every human endeavor. But the important thing is to keep on trying, and to keep that goal up there high."

# **SPORTS**



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# **Irish now fighting** for their reputation

most recent controversy was the firing of Tyrone Willingham, the school's first black head football coach. after three vears of a five-year deal

Plagued by problems, Notre Dame loses luster from once-golden football program

> BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND Ind he goals are as lofty as they were in Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy's day, the demand as unforgiving.

Winning is, and always will be, everything at Notre Dame. But the gilt has been flaking for years now, and the furor over Tyrone Willing-ham's firing only exposed the extent of the flaws. For all its rich history and tradition, Notre Dame's football program is now like so many others in need

of a rehab.

"I think right now, when you're 6-5, you can't call yourself an elite program," athletic director Kevin White said. "I think historically we are, traditionally we are. But coming out of the 2004 season,

we certainly are not. We have to find our way back to the pinnacle position, and that's what we're going to do

But how? The harsh criticism and inside squabbling that accompanied Willingham's dismissal are only the latest problems for Notre Dame. In truth, the program has been in decline for nearly a decade.

You are what you are, folks, and right now, you're a 6-5 football team," new coach Charlie Weis said. "And guess what? That's not good enough.

The Irish haven't won a national title since 1988, and it's been 11 years since they even contended for one. Their records have been mediocre at best, and any progress has been short-lived.

Lou Holtz lost 11 games in his last three seasons, two more than he'd lost in the previous six. Bob Davie was the first coach in 34 years to lose four straight, and his two losing seasons in five years matched Gerry Faust. Willingham went 13-15 after winning his first eight games, losing five games by 31 points or more.

Knute Rockne compiled a record of 105-12-5 as Notre Dame's football coach from 1918 to 1930. The goals are as lofty as they were in Rockne's day, but the results don't compare. The Fighting Irish haven't won a national championship since 1988 nd haven't contended for one in more than a decade.

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1895 H.G. Hadden	1	3	1	0	.750
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1900-01 Patrick O'Dea	2	14	3	2	.750
1902-03 James Faragher	2	14	2	1 2 2 0	.833
1904 Louis Salmon	1	5	3	0	.625
1905 Henry McGlew 1906-07 Thomas Barry	1	12	4	0	.556 .893
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1934-40 Fimer Layden	3 7	47	13	3	.770
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1945; 1963 Hugh Devore	2	9	2 9	0	.500
1954-58 Terry Brennan	1 2 5	32	18	ô	.640
1959-62 Ine Kuharich	4	17 95	23 17	0	.425
1964-74 Ara Parseghian	11 6			4	.836
1975-80 Dan Devine 1981-85 Gerry Faust	5	53 30	16 26	1	.764
1986-96 Lou Holtz		100	30	2	.765
1997-01 Bob Davie	5	35	25	0	.583
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The Irish have been unranked for long stretches at a time and have been in a top-tier bowl game only once since 1995 — a 41-9 loss to Oregon State in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. They've had one first-round draft pick in the past five years.

The off-the-field woes were equally galling. There have been scandals more suited for a football factor ry, including an age discrimination lawsuit and rape accusations against four former players. The school suffered its first major NCAA violation after a booster lavished more than a dozen players with gifts, trips and money — paid for with the \$1.4 million she'd embezzled from her employer.

Perhaps worst of all was the ever-so-brief tenure of George O'Leary, who resigned in December 2001
— five days after he was hired — after admitting he lied on his résumé about his academic and athletic background

O'Leary looked like the perfect person to revive the Irish

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